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Maltese in Cyprus.

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1. G. H. W. Minshull (20) from ~~FO~~ Treasury - 8/1/x9

2. Foreign Office (K12932/35/250) - 8/1/x9

Mr. S. W. Smith.

I think you should see (1).

JS 21/1

Seen, thank you. We can wait events.
I cannot see any argument at all in (1)
which would lead - to alter the views
expressed in 74/75 on 1948 file. Mr. Minshull
did not let us have a copy of his letter to
Treasury 18/12/48.

S. W. Smith 21/1

3. To Capt. J. Knox. RN (Retd) (20) from W.O. - 20/1/x9

Mr. S. W. Smith.

The answer to (3) should tell the L.O. &
the F.O. that the latter has to bear the cost
of administration in Trieste and there is
no question of any costs being met by
us in respect of the camp at Asolo.
The Treasury rep. said so at the meeting
recorded at (52) on 12/12/48 - it was not minded
since the meeting was to discuss disposal
of our administration cases.

As above. JS 24/1

JS 24/1

4 Foreign Office. - K427/107/250

— 24/1/49

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M. S. W. Smith.

M. Carter

A satisfactory settlement!

JESL
28/1

Inevitable

Sw. Smith 28/1

But by

PHC

DE.

29/1 above

5. Foreign Office - K878/107/250

— 27/1/49

F.O. ask the position in Cyprus now that the
Jews are moving out.

? Answer Mr. Martin's return and proceed as
in his minute of 12/1 on para 6 of 48 tps.

JESL

31/1

Perhaps we could telephone Mr
Kimbrell and tell him that Mr Martin is
discussing this matter with the authorities during
his visit to Cyprus.

J. Carter

31/1

I think I might telegraph to Mr Martin
to make sure. Although he took (88/a
-148 with him, he was not at that time
going to make it a major point in his
discussions in Cyprus, for which he has a long
agenda; and he may not have found an
opportunity. And the departure of the Jews, which
alters the situation, is a new factor which has arisen
since Mr Martin left. As a draft.

JESL
21/8/49

6 To Cyprus - Tele 88 - 31.1.49 ✓

BU 7/2

SS

7 War Office - 0165/3573/CA2(b) - 29/1/49

? await Mr Martin's return when joint reply
could be sent to (5) & (7).

JS 5/2

Perhaps Mr Martin now has some encouraging
news for us, as a result of his talks in Cyprus on
this question.

Replanned 7/2.

8 Cyprus - tel 75 - 3/2/49

Mr Martin

(5) is the F.O. letter on which I
telegraphed to you. Since then (7) has come
in from the W.O.

Shall we speak?

JS 8/2

9. Minute by Col. Sec.

3.2.49

Mr. Bennett

With reference to your minute of yesterday, I attach at 9 a minute by Mr. Turnbull on the subject of the Maltese refugees, handed to me after I had discussed the matter with him.

In our conversation Mr. Turnbull protested strongly against the decision to send these refugees to Cyprus, and explained the strong objections of the Cyprus Government to this course. I need not rehearse his arguments, as the difficulties of the Cyprus Government are already sufficiently obvious, for example from the letter at 87 on -/48. Moreover Mr. Turnbull recognised that Lord Winster had committed Cyprus to accept the refugees and that the decision could not be reconsidered. He pointed out, however, that he would have considerable difficulty in reconciling the unofficial members of the Executive Council to the proposal, and it was finally agreed that on my return I should arrange for an official communication to be sent to him (as O.A.G.) setting out the position, and conveying the decision as tactfully as possible, in a form suitable for showing to the members of the Executive Council. In this it should be made absolutely clear that all financial liability in connection with the maintenance of the refugees now and so long as they remain unabsorbed will lie with H.M.G.: this is important owing to past experience, for example in connection with the Mar Shimun.

As the Cyprus authorities have very little information about the refugees, and find difficulty in judging the sort of arrangements to be made for them, Mr. Turnbull welcomed a suggestion put forward that a representative of the Cyprus Government should visit Eritrea in the near future to assess the problem. If you can quickly obtain Treasury agreement to this very reasonable proposal and include it in the communication to the O.A.G., this will certainly help.

It has occurred to me since leaving Cyprus that Sir Godfrey Collins might possibly be prepared to remain a little longer, now that the Jewish camps are being cleared, to look after the arrival of the Maltese and their initial settlement. He has useful experience for this kind of work, and I believe (though I am not quite certain) that he had some contacts with the problem of these Maltese refugees when in India. If anything is to be done about this, it will presumably be necessary to put the point to Mr. Turnbull at a very early date, since otherwise Sir G. Collins will presumably be making his arrangements for departure. It would of course be necessary for his salary to be defrayed by H.M.G. as part of the expenses of the move.

1.12.49

9.2.49

A meeting has now been arranged with the other departments concerned to take place in N.O. 13 at 3 pm on Monday 14th Feb. at 3 pm.

Doubtless you will wish to refresh your mind on the stipulations on which the Cyprus authorities are prepared to accept this attachment.

R. J. Hunter
12/2

A meeting was held in the C.O. on 14th February, attended by representatives from the Treasury, Foreign Office, War Office, at which they were informed of the contents of (9) and were invited to ~~concur~~ discuss its conditions. The draft opposite is a result.

Other points agreed and not relevant to that draft were:-

(i) That the F.O. vote should bear the cost of all expenditure incurred to date on this party and any future expenditure incurred. The C.O., it was agreed, were not involved in any way unless the Treasury, after further reflection, considered they had further views to express on the subject.

(ii) The Treasury undertook to inform us what accounting arrangements would be required from the Cyprus Govt.

(iii) The War Office would ascertain the rates of out-of-pocket expenses and pocket-money now being given to the evacuees and we undertook to inform Cyprus should they agree to accept the evacuees.

(iv) The War Office undertook to enquire whether they could undertake transport movements and arrangements.

I have not repeated back to Cyprus in the draft the conditions suggested in the enclosure to (9) in view of para. 2 of (9).

R. J. Hunter

15/2/49

10. War Office - Tel No 151500 Z - 15241

The results of our discussions at the meeting held with the interested departments are incorporated in the draft despatch to Cyprus, submitted h/w.

P. J. Carter
17/2

After discussing with Mr Carter & Mr Lloyd I have amplified the draft to Cyprus a bit in order to make it more persuasive.

JHB
21/2 above.

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|----|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 11 | To Field Robinson (Tsy) | } w/c draft despatch | — 21/2/49 |
| 12 | To Ritchie (F.O.) | | |
| 13 | To I/Cdr. Butler (W.O.) | | |
| 14 | To Cleobury (C.R.O.) | | |

Mr. Martin

Your minute of 9th February.

We had a successful meeting with the other Depts. concerned last week. As a result, we have circulated to them, for concurrence, a draft despatch to Cyprus - below (11). Conclusions of the meeting not covered in that draft are shown in Mr Lloyd's minute of 15th Feb. and in War Office telegram to Entrea at (10).

In order to save time, I am sending the paper forward to you now. If you think that the draft to Cyprus is satisfactory, I will then pass it for issue as soon as the other Depts. tell us they concur.

I think it would be useful to tell Mr Turnbull what is happening. Draft telegram attached, in your name. This also puts the point about Sir G. Collins.

We must recognize that scant attention is being paid in all this to the wishes of the party in Entrea themselves, who are British subjects and have committed no crime. I do not think they will violently dislike being sent to Cyprus, as it is nearer their old homes and they hate Entrea. But it will have to be broken to them tactfully, after the Cyprus Govt. have formally agreed; and we may I think expect Parliamentary Questions. I raised this briefly after at the end of the meeting last week, and it was generally felt that a reasonable answer could be returned to any Parliamentary criticism. But our S. & S. will be the target; and neither the situation nor the solution are of his making.

J. S. B. 22/2

I agree that the despatch may issue as soon as the concurrence of the other Departments has been obtained. I have made a few verbal alterations which need not be cleared with the Departments -

In paragraph 3 because there is no reasonable hope that the whole party can be assimilated, as is indeed virtually admitted later on.

In paragraph 5 I have struck out the reference to political circumstances in Malta since I fear that this would produce an adverse reaction from the Unofficial Members of the Executive Council.

In paragraph 7(g) because Mr. Turnbull may find it easier to handle the matter in the Executive Council if we do not indicate that he has already been discussing details with us semi-officially.

I cannot but regret that the proposed financial arrangements leave the Cyprus Government with any liability (see paragraph 7(e) and end of paragraph 8); but perhaps it is just as well to leave the Cyprus Government with one or two points on which they can come back, while accepting the proposals in general.

As regards the last paragraph of Mr. Bennett's minute of today, I agree that there may be Parliamentary interest and the Secretary of State should see after the despatch has gone off.

Meanwhile I have passed the personal telegram to Mr. Turnbull.

J.M.V.

22.2.49

15 To Cyprus - Tele 146 Secret — 23/2/49

16 Copy of letter from H. Rowen Walker (W.O) to Kimball (F.O). 13/2/49

17 Tel 171030G from BENIA Entrea — 18/2/49

18 War Office (J.R. Butler) — 24/2/49

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19. Treasury (Field Robinson) — 24/2/49

In addition to (18) & (19), F.O. have concurred by telephone, subject to a minor amendment which I have inserted in para 9 (including Egypt among the "banned" countries).

Mr Martin has received a reply to (15) saying that a Confidential despatch will do. (Tel. not yet reg'd).

I have therefore marked the despatch for issue, after speaking to Mr Martin.

Rever. to me after it has gone ref. penultimate para of Mr Martin's minute of 22/2.

CHB

19A Cypros — tel 139 } secret 25/2 49 a.m.
19B Cypros — tel 140 } 26/2/49

20 Cypros Despatch 41 Conf 2-3-49.

21 To Mr Field Robinson Sec }
22 " Mr K. G. Ritchie 4/0 } c/20
23 " Common Butler. 4/0 } Comp 2-3-49.
24 " Mr L. A. Cleburne C.R.O. }

25 T. J. (cd) Butler (W.O.) — 3.3.49
 26 To Ritchie (F.O.) } — w/c (26) — 3.3.49.
 27 To Field-Robinson (T.M.) }

11

The question of publicity needs a little care. Mr. Turnbull has raised it with us in No. 19B. I have written to the War Office, with copies to the other Departments concerned, as at Nos. 21 - 23. I now attach two telegrams to Cyprus to tie the matter up. I think it will be preferable for the despatch at No. 20 itself not to be published as it stands, but I see no particular reason why it should not be drawn on ad lib. by Mr. Horace White.* I think it will be better to get proposals from Cyprus and then clear them with the other Departments here.

* There are one or two obvious exceptions: e.g. rather imprecise descriptions of the party!

J.S.B.

J.S.B.

3/3/49

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28 To Cyprus — Tel 169 — 6.3.49

29 To Cyprus — Tel 170 — 6.3.49

30 Tel 132 from Australia to C.O. — 2/3/49

31 Cyprus — Tel 161 — 3/3/49

32 Tel 0411002 War from W/O to BEMA — 4/3/49

33 Tel CA372 from BEMA to Canberra — 4/3/49.

34 Tel 0809302 War from W/O to BEMA. 8/3/49.

Mr Bennett.
 See F.A. on 29.

(30), (32) + (32) are evidently a mix-up,
but it is none of our doing, and is for
C.R.O., W.O. + F.O. to sort out.

(34) carries out our request in (25). Good.

Put by.

JPB
10/3 at once.

Mr. Martin

Pl. see (31). You were interested
in the possibility of Sir G. Collins
being kept on for this job. As he
does not wish to be considered,
I think we should acquiesce. Cyprus
Govt. evidently foresee no difficulty
in making alternative arrangements.
(References are to correspondence about
Jemil camp which is in action
separately).

? put by.

JPB

10/3

12.17.53
at once.

? There is a H for Sir G. Collins
on which a note of 31 should
be placed.

Copy sent to P/Ps.

No action has yet been taken
as X of the minutes of
21.2.

Do you wish me to put up
a short explanatory minute for the Dept's
benefit or will you?
Per below. JMB 11/3
H. L. 11/3

Put by (35)

JMB

11/3 atoc

Mr. Watson

I am sending on this file for information as the Secretary of State ought to know what has been happening.

2. In December, 1947, the Cabinet Commonwealth Affairs Committee discussed what was to be done with ~~a~~ the party of 500 odd British subjects of Maltese extraction who had been evacuated from Turkey and the Balkans in 1941 and were then in India. The Secretary of State attended the meeting and the minutes are at (131) on the 1947 file - flagged A. The Cabinet Committee decided that these people should be moved temporarily from India to Eritrea until a decision could be reached on their permanent settlement, since they could not remain in India after the transfer of power there. The move to Eritrea was carried out and the party are still there. The Committee also decided to invite the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Foreign Secretary and the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, to consider what permanent arrangements should be made for the permanent settlement of these people.

3. During 1948 we explored various possibilities of settling them in the Colonial Empire but for various reasons all openings seemed hopeless with the possible exception of Cyprus. The Secretary of State may remember that at one of his meetings with Lord Winster in November last year Lord Winster was asked whether he would accept these people in Cyprus. The Governor was most reluctant to do so, but finally agreed that he would, provided first that no action should be taken until the Jewish Camps in Cyprus had been cleared, and secondly that H.M.G. and not Cyprus should meet all expenses. The Jews have now all left. We have therefore sent a despatch to the Acting Governor - flagged B - asking his formal assent to the transfer of this party from Eritrea to Cyprus. The despatch includes full financial assurances which we have been able to extract from the Treasury. The despatch is a long and full one because Mr. Turnbull, when Mr. Martin discussed the matter with him during his

visit in January, asked for something which could be circulated for discussion in the Executive Council; Mr. Turnbull foresaw a good deal of reluctance on the part of the unofficial members of the Council.

4. The Acting Governor has not yet replied but his answer can be expected soon and he can hardly go back on Lord Winster's undertaking in principle to accept the party. As soon as formal assent from the Cyprus end is received, the move will be put in hand. Time is running short because the future of Eritrea is to be decided by the adjourned United Nations General Assembly next month and it will probably not stay under British control much longer.

5. The above arrangements have been worked out in consultation with the Foreign Office and Treasury and the C.R.O. have been kept informed. Unless any unforeseen hitch develops, it seems unnecessary for any formal report on the solution which has been found to be put in to the Cabinet Committee. But once the move to Cyprus becomes public knowledge there is always the possibility of Parliamentary Questions, including possibly critical questions asking why a party of British subjects are being moved round the world like this without their own consent. Settlement in Cyprus is in fact the best that can be done for them in present circumstances and should at any rate be an improvement after Eritrea.

J.S.B.

11/3/49

- ① | *Yr. Mr. will this group become self supporting? in early Cyprus*
- ② | *will any change fall on them for social services? Won't these people*
- ③ | *need to be supported by allowances to*
- ④ | *How, the 500 divided - into what*
- ④ | *sex & occupation & age categories?*

ad
14/3

P.T.O.

36.

To J./Cdr. Butler (W.O.)

16.3.49

[(36) sent to clear up a piece of mechanics].

Mr. Martin

As requested in the last para but one of your minute of 22nd February, I sent these papers to the Private Office for the S.I.S. to see the position. You should now see his minutes above.

I think we have all had very much in mind the objections to sending these people to Cyprus, but I understood it was accepted policy that it should be pressed on the Cyprus Government. The S.I.S. had accepted responsibility, within H.M.G., for disposing of the party; there was a date-line to be met (because of Entree); and all other possibilities had been exhausted.

With respect, I do think that the long despatch at (20) ~~gives~~ gives the consideration to which the Cyprus Govt. are indeed entitled, and contains as much "thinking-through" as it is possible to do in one bite. The ultimate details of planning in a matter of this kind cannot be done in the C.O. but only on the spot.

It may indeed be arguable that these people ought not to be a charge on the U.K. taxpayer indefinitely. But the Treasury are willing to take that charge, and (presumably) to defend it. And unless we had been able to obtain such financial assurances from the Treasury, we should not have been treating Cyprus fairly, and (moreover) there would have been little hope of persuading the Cyprus to accommodate the party.

I suggest that the S.P.S. might like to see the Acting Governor's reply to (20), and wait till it is received. Cyprus are free to make further conditions if they want to.

J.S.B.
16/3

Sir C. Jeffries

Please see the Secretary of State's last minute.

The position is described at some length in the despatch at 20. I can give the most definite assurance that a very great deal of thought indeed has been given to the subject, and it was only with the greatest reluctance that we agreed to press Cyprus to accept these people. If anyone had been able to find any alternative except dumping them into the sea we should certainly have refused to do so. During the period when the party was in India and also since their removal to Eritrea, most of those who are likely to be absorbed in ordinary employment and become self-supporting have in fact been provided for, and it must be confessed that the hard core now

easily |

left

left consists largely of unemployables. It is almost certainly a question of maintaining most of these for the rest of their days, though it is hoped that some may still be absorbed in the general community in Cyprus. Owing to their background (in Greece and Turkey) there is no British territory where the prospects of absorption could be better. It has been laid down that His Majesty's Government accept the principle that no financial burden on the Cyprus Government should result, though on the insistence of the Treasury we have suggested that the Cyprus Government might contribute to the costs of education and apprenticeship of younger members of the group who are likely to become useful members of the Cypriot population, and Cyprus has also been asked to accept reliability for any relief necessary if those found employment should become unemployed again at a later stage: but it is of course open to the Cyprus Government to come back on both these points, and I think it was tactically wise, from the point of view of handling the matter with the unofficial members of the Executive Council in Cyprus, to leave one or two points of this kind on which we could later make concessions. The precise requirements of the party on removal of the party to Cyprus are to be answered by an officer of the Cyprus Govt. sent to Greece (at UK expense) for this purpose.

J. M. M.
17.3.49

S. M.

You will wish to see the minutes, & will probably agree that we should now await the Cyprus reaction.

6 J. J. 19/3

H531

Re. attached att. for
Cyprus waiting for the
file & encs. early 5
Mr Bennett. who
Mr. Lloyd
↓
Miss Fisher

Mr Bennett

The Cyprus reply has now come in,
& as Sofis has not yet seen this I wd.
suggest that the pp. come forward again
with the reply & any further comments for
Rep.

Yes.
J. J. 22/3
who 22/3

37 Tel 452 from F/O to Cairo — 8/3/49

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38 Tel 873 from Cairo to F/O — 11/3/49

39 Cyprus — tel 176 Secret — 9/3/49

40 Tel 25741 from W/O to BEWA Entree — 14/3/49

41 R.E. Turnbull - Cyprus — 14/3/49

42. Cyprus — tel 199 — 17/3/49

At para 2. of (39), Cyprus states they are unaware of the negotiations between H.M.S. & Israeli authorities concerning Cost of the Camp. This point was raised by Turkish representative at the meeting which is recorded at (11)-(14). I do not think the C.O. have any further knowledge concerning e.g. timetable or the details.

(42) should be read in the light of (41) and I am not competent to gauge the effect on Cyprus if these people are sent there against the wishes of the local population. I presume we can answer para 3. (i) & (ii) in the affirmative since no definite commitment will be entered into.

O.E. Lloyd
23/3.

No action is required on (39); Mr. Nicklin is dealing separately with the disposal of the Jewish Camps and already has a copy of the telegram. It will only confuse things if we try to cope with this here.

Colman's. 1 AM.

41 and 42 ~~may~~ seem to call for a warm telegram in return expressing the S. of S.'s gratitude to the public spirit of the Cyprus Government in agreeing to consider receiving the Maltese. We can confirm that no immediate publicity is called for and that a representative of the Cyprus Government should go to Eritrea (Para. 3 of (42)). I see from (10) that the War Office has already been told (a little prematurely?) that Cyprus has agreed and that B.E.M.A., Eritrea, can expect to hear from Cyprus direct. The War Office has promised ⁸²⁴⁴ to confirm as soon as formal acceptance by Cyprus Government is known; and I assume that, subject to general agreement to the Governor's terms, we may tell the War Office that formal acceptance has now been signified.

As to the Governor's terms set out in para. 1 we can presumably accept 1 and 3 without demur. Surely we must also accept 4; I see that Mr. Martin in his minute of 22nd February has suggested that it might be valuable to concede ~~this~~ ^{at this} point at this later stage. Could we perhaps take the line that while Cyprus should take no liability whatever for facilities not available to Cypriots, we hope they will see no objections to the Maltese being eligible (without subvention by H.M.G.) ^{for any} schemes that are available to Cypriots (e.g. education in local schools, etc.).

On 2 of para. 1, I suppose we ^{can} agree that the move of the Maltese should not begin until a final decision has been reached about Eritrea? Though presumably we should remind Cyprus that all preliminary arrangements would have to be completed by that date so as not to have the India position repeating itself.

The immediate action, then, seems to be:-

- (i) ^{Copy} ~~to get the Treasury and War Office~~ to repeat 42 to the Treasury and War Office;
- (ii) to get the Treasury to yield on the training question;
- (iii) to indicate our view to both on the Governor's point on 2 of para. 1;
- (iv) to confirm to the War Office that hence-forward ^{they} had better communicate direct with Cyprus, and
- (v) when all this is clear to send an appropriate telegram to the Acting Governor containing at least one paragraph sufficiently warm and enthusiastic to be read to his Executive Council.

I note that S of S. wishes to see this sp. (Mr. Watson's minute of 22.iii)

Mary Fisher
25.iii.

I agree generally, but the reply to Cyprus must also clear up the following points (which, so far as necessary, will also have to be cleared in advance in discussion with the Treasury):—

(a) Does para 1 (iv) of (42) replace para 7 (e) of our despatch at (20), or is it merely a qualification to it?

It appears it so far as acceptance of any financial liability is concerned 10/7.

(b) Do Cyprus accept the understanding at the end of para 7 (d) of (20)?

(c) Do Cyprus accept para 8 of (20)?

(d) Timing: The U.N. General Assembly is meeting very soon, but I think Cyprus have missed the point in asking that we should wait till it has decided about Enkrea. Even if the U.N. decision is postponed, it will still be necessary to find these people a permanent home as soon as possible, and there is no other home in sight except Cyprus. I think, in return for the proposed further financial concession, Cyprus should accept the policy now without haggling further, and irrespective of the U.N. decision on its timing.

I think the answer is "No" and we must press this on Treasury 10/7.

The S.I.S. should presumably see
before we settle the terms of a
draft on these lines proposed
inter-departmentally.

J.S.B.

25/3

Sir T. Lloyd

The Secretary of State has not yet seen the minutes following his minute opposite Mr. Bennett's of the 14th March. Meanwhile the telegram at 42 has come in, showing that the Cyprus Executive Council have, though with great reluctance, agreed to accept the Maltese, subject to certain conditions. The important point seems to be the very reasonable requirement that we should recognise that no occasion exists for compromise as to financial liability. On the insistence of the Treasury the despatch at 20 did propose to leave the Cyprus Government with a liability in respect both of a proportion of the costs of education and apprenticeship of younger members of the group trained for local employment (paragraph 7(e)) and of any relief payments necessary in the event of subsequent unemployment of members of the party who had been previously found continuous employment for a minimum of three years (paragraph 8).

May we have authority for discussion with the Treasury and the War Office on the basis that the Secretary of State has accepted these arrangements with the greatest possible reluctance and is only prepared to carry the matter further on condition that there is a clear understanding that Cyprus is guaranteed freedom from any liability (including liability in respect of the two matters mentioned above)? If so, I agree with Mr. Bennett that we should not accept the condition that no final action should be taken until the United Nations' decision makes impossible continued accommodation in Eritrea, though the tempo of the arrangements for transfer to Cyprus may be affected by the outlook from that point of view.

J.M.M.

S. 110

28.3.49

I agree. hope you will
see his authority signed by P. Butler.
H/End 28.3

I agree but I hope every effort will be made to prevent or make a holiday falling on the British taxpayers a possibility. It doesn't seem right to charge the people of Cyprus with additional costs but it is equally unfair that the people ^{concerned} should do nothing to rehabilitate themselves. As quick as possible the people should be absorbed in the local life. The British taxpayer fully relieved of any liability

ad 21/3

Better now distribute the telegram + arrange meeting.

JRB
1/6

Telegram distributed. Meeting arranged for 8th April

11.30 in R.337.

B.O. 7/4 to Mr Bennett.

JRB
1/4.

43 Cyprus - Conf Desk No 49 - 29/3/49

43 is the answer to our despatch at 20.

Briefly Cyprus will accept the party on the following terms:-

1. An assurance that the possibility of splitting up the party has been considered.
2. A final decision to await the outcome of UNO deliberations.

3. No charge of any description shall fall upon the Cyprus Government.
4. Cyprus Government to remain the sole judge of the employability of any Maltese.
5. Since there is no unemployment relief in Cyprus HMG will have to pay relief payments should a Maltese fall out of work having been employed for a period of time.
6. Cyprus Govt. will not meet the costs of any training or educational facilities.
7. The Acting Governor points out the extreme reluctance with which his Govt. accepts the hard ~~cost~~ ^{costs} of the party and says that local re-action will be as hostile to them as it was to the Jews. In fact it will regard them as "sponsored alien invaders". He wishes to know whether the camp used by the British Administration Staff of the Jewish Refugees could be used for the initial reception of the party and whether use of the Jewish camps for British subjects is considered to be so undesirable as to justify the considerably increased expenditure of and the delay in providing a reception centre.

Presumably these points will be put to the interested departments at the meeting on Friday but in the meantime an answer should go to (39) since in spite of the Acting Governor's misgivings he proposes to send one of his officers to Eritrea in the near future to make preliminary arrangements. I think we must get a copy of (39) over to the Treasury and ask for a telephonic reply. I attach draft accordingly.

J.E.S.L.
(O.E.S. Lloyd).
4th April 1949.

Mr Nicklin.

We spoke. If the letter to the Tey oppositⁿ is all right would you please dispatch it? I have had an extra copy made in case you want it for your Camps PM.

MF
4 iv

Miss Fisher.

Thank you. The interest of the Cyprus Government in the Immigrant Camps is now clear to me. I have no comments on the letter to Russell Edmunds and I shall expect payment from H.M.G. if the camps are taken over ^{any part of}.

for use by the Institute. The letter has been despatched
and I have retained a copy.

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Pluribus.

7/4/49

44 Lt Col Russell Edmunds (Joy) — 4/4/49.

Mr. Bennett.

You shd see the desp. at 43 &
my letter at 44 before the meeting.
Mf
6 iv

45 To L. G. Ritchie (F.O.) — of a. & tel. for concns. — 11.4.49.

46 To Miss J. R. Butler (W.O.) — of 45 re. compo. — 11.4.49.

47 To Miss M. Wells (Treasury) — of 45 re. compo. — 11.4.49.

48 To Miss J. M. Church (Treasury) — of 45 re. compo. — 11.4.49.

F.O. and W.O. Concurs. Treasury with insertion
of "as long as they stay in Cyprus" in para 2.(d)
at end of first sentence.

Draft amended & ? may now issue.

After issue pt.
new fileds in
for copying of
(43)

SL 13/4.

SL 13/4.

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49 To Cyprus — Tel 2.48 — com — 13.4.49

Pl. may I have 10 copies of
(43) on this file. (i.e. Despatch No. 49
confidential from the Acting Governor, Cyprus).

J.S. Lloyd
19/4.

Copy of (49) with my compliments to
Mr K. S. Ritchie (Foreign Office) Mrs M. Mylles and Mrs
S.M. Church (Treasury) Mrs J.R. Butler Foreign Office
(Administration of African Territories). Devonshire House.

J.S. Lloyd
20/4 or over.

50 To Mr K Ritchie (2/0)
51 To Mrs M Mylles (2/0)
52 To Mrs S M Church (2/0)
53 To Mrs J R Butler (2/0) } 21 H. 49.
of 49
Compd.

54. W. Russell - Bermuda (Day). I.F. 21/13/02. - 13.4.49.

55. O.A.G. Cyprus Del. No. 255. — 16.4.49.

56. J. R. Butler (F.O. Administration of African Territories) 313 - 21.4.49.

Mr Lloyd.

File should also be brought forward with your
minute of 1/4.

W. Russell 23/4.

I do not think any action is outstanding on (54)-(56)

57. Para 3 of 54 allows use of the ~~camp~~ administrators' camp attached to the Jewish camp site - ^{in fact} this was sent to Cyprus w/ para 3. of (45).

I have acknowledged (56) on the phone.

The nominal roll shows a total of 549 persons. of whom 64 are over 60, and 85 are under 14. Their names are varied but I

suspect the majority have forgotten them.

Action is ? to wait for more dispatch in (55)

JS

27/4

to I rather think we shall have to take action on an Enigma tel. which we have passed on to Cyprus for the F.O. about non-Malkor. This should be worked up to Mr Lloyd as soon as the registration copy arrives.

MF

27/4/49

57 Tel 62 Dept from Burma to P/O - 26/4/49
(Cyprus - tel 27) secret 29/4/49

2 for info for Comd.

JS
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58 Miss G. R. Butler

5/5/49

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89024/3/49.

Colonial Office,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

5th May, 1949.

Dear Miss Butler,

Please refer to telegram No. 62 Depth from the Chief Administrator Asmara to Foreign Office about the 60 persons not of Maltese origin attached to the party of Maltese in Eritrea.

You will recall that at the meeting held here on the 8th April about the removal of the party to Cyprus it was made clear that the Cyprus Government could not accept any aliens who might be found amongst the party. There was unanimous agreement on this. Assuming that the "60 persons not of Maltese origin" are aliens, another home will have to be found for them and in view of the manner in which they came to be in Eritrea this would appear to be a matter for the appropriate department of the Foreign Office to settle. The Colonial Office is of course not equipped to deal with foreign nationals resident in a territory administered through another department of His Majesty's Government; and we can only suggest that the Foreign Office should make arrangements for the disposal of the party. (If they should turn out to be British subjects of Colonial origin other than

MISS J. R. BUTLER,
FOREIGN OFFICE ADMINISTRATION OF AFRICAN TERRITORIES,
DEVONSHIRE HOUSE,
MAYFAIR PLACE,
LONDON, W.1.

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This letter has not been copied to Mr. Ritchie as I note that you are now part of the Foreign Office.

Yours sincerely,

O. E. S. Lloyd.

89024/3/49.

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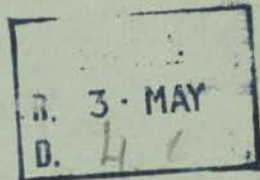
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Minister of State

Secretary of State



Your Reference

For Mr. Lloyd's signature.

DRAFT.

Miss J. R. Butler.

address as 56.

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FURTHER ACTION.

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^{section}
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Y.S.

OUTWARD TELEGRAMFROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIESOUTWARD TELEGRAM

89024/3/49
Cypher (O.T.F.)

TO CYPRUS (O.A.G.)

Sent 29th April 1949 12.00 hrs

IMPORTANT

No. 277 Secret.

Following from Asmara to Foreign Office No. 62
DEPTH of 25th April repeated to you for information. Begins.

Your telegram No. 6 Depth: Maltese.

Cyprus? Government representative now here
says his Government have agreed to accept only those of
Maltese origin.

2. There are 34 families comprising 60 persons
not of Maltese origin as mentioned in my telegram Depth
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3. Nevertheless as the whole object is to remove
all (repeat all) these displaced persons from Eritrea as
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(group undecided ? Cyprus) Government be asked to (? group
omitted) these 34 family (group undecided). Majority of these
persons though British subjects have no connexions in the
United Kingdom and do not wish to be sent there. They
cannot be left in Eritrea.

Copies sent to:-

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Mr. Bennett
Brig. Johnson

Colonial Attache
Mr. Biggs
Accounts Branch
Mr. Holding
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Miss Fisher



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[This telegram is of particular secrecy and should be retained by the authorised recipient and not passed on]

Cypher/OTP

F.O.A.A.T. DISTRIBUTIONFROM ASMARA TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Chief Administrator D. 9.45 a.m. 26th April 1949
No. 62 Depth R. 10.50 a.m. 26th April 1949

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4. Please ask Colonial Office to repeat this to Cyprus Governor for information.

[Copy sent to Telegraph Section Colonial Office for repetition to Cyprus].

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TELEGRAM

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DEPTH 02513 MALTESE EVACUEES YOUR DEPTH 16 OF 8

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ASMARA +

SENT 1054/13/KG

21st April, 1949.

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O.E.S. Lloyd Esq.,
Colonial Office,
Church House,
Gt. Smith Street,
S.W.1.

Dear Mr. Lloyd.

I enclose a copy of the nominal roll of the evacuees at present in Mai Habar Camp, Eritrea, for which you asked. One copy has been despatched to the Acting Governor, Cyprus by the British Administration in Eritrea.

I am also sending a copy of the nominal roll to Mr. Ritchie, Foreign Office.

Yours sincerely
J.R. Butler

(J.R. BUTLER)

O.H.M.S.

[illegible]

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| N° 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | ATTARD | MICHELINA VITTORIA | 8 | COIMBATORE 1948 | | FATHER'S PASS. N° 22367 | | | | CAMP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | | |
| 20 | " | JOSEPH, PASCAL | 3 | COIMBATORE 1946 | | " " " | | | | | | | |
| 21/A | " | GEORGETTE, Carme- la Maria JOSEPH | 2 1/2 | ASWARA, 2.8.1948 | | " " " | | | | | | | |
| 21 | ATTARD | JOSEPH | 55 | ISTAMBUL, 20.2.894 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22714 | MADRAS 29.11.1947 | PRINTER | 34 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK slightly ENGLISH ITALIAN GREEK | do do do do do | |
| 22 | " | KYRIATZA | 45 | THRAGE, 6.8.902 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS N° 22744 | | HOUSE WIFE | | GREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | | | |
| N° 8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | ATTARD | MARY | 27 | ISTAMBUL, 12.2.922 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22715 | MADRAS 29.11.1947 | HATMAKER | 3 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | do do | |
| 24 | " | LUCAS | 26 | ISTAMBUL, 10.3.1923 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22746 | MADRAS, 29.11.1947 | FRENCH POLISHER | 2 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK ENGLISH TURKISH | do do do | |
| 25 | " | APOSTOLOS | 23 | ISTAMBUL, 4.9.926 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22717 | MADRAS 29.11.1947 | NIL | | ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL ISTAMBUL | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | do do do | |
| 26 | " | ANDREY | 15 | ISTAMBUL, 27.8.934 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS. | | STUDENT | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | TURKISH ENGLISH GREEK | do do do | |
| N° 9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | ASZOPARDI | CLARA | 56 | ATHENS GREECE 6.1.1893 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.O. 122948 | SMYRNA 30.7.941 | HOUSE WIFE | | ITALIAN | ITALIAN GREEK | DO | Have appli for authori to repatri to Italy |
| N° 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 28 | BABBIDGE | CLARA MARY | 57 | 7.10.1892 | | B.I.P. N° 20668 | MADRAS 9.4.1947 | | | | | | |
| N° 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 29 | BORG | ANTHONY | 37 | ISTAMBUL, 5.10.912 | | B.P.O. N° 156151 HUSBAND'S PASS 156151 | CAIRO 1.11.1941 | | | | | | |
| 30 | " | KATY | 34 | 915 | | | | | | | | | |
| 31 | " | LETERA | 14 | 12.9.1935 | | FATHER'S PASS 156151 | | | | | | | |
| 32 | " | PETER | 12 | 2.1.1937 | | FATHER'S PASS 156151 | | | | | | | |
| 33 | " | GEORGE | 9 | 28.6.1940 | | FATHER'S PASS 156151 | | | | | | | |
| 34 | " | TERESA | 2 | COIMBATORE 21.2.947 | | FATHER'S PASS 156151 | | | | | | | |
| N° 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | BORG | ANTHONY | 68 | ISTAMBUL, 17.12.881 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22370 | MADRAS 21.10.1947 | COMMISSION AGENT | 25 YEARS | FRENCH college | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | do do | |
| 36 | " | HERMINIA | 24 | ISTAMBUL, 1.10.924 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22371 | MADRAS 21.10.1947 | | | ITALIAN HIGH | ITALIAN ENGLISH | do do | |

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| N° 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 37 | BORG | FRANCIS | 39 | ISTANBUL, 13.3.910 | | B.I.P. N°22828 | MADRAS 19.12.1947 | | | SCHOOL Istanbul | TURKISH GREEK | do | |
| 38 | " | MARY | 39 | 1910 | | HUSBAND'S PASS 22828 | | | | | | | |
| 39 | " | NATALE | 11 | 13.8.1938 | | FATHER'S PASS 22828 | | | | | | | |
| 40 | " | FERDINAND | 12 | 27.5.1937 | | FATHER'S PASS 22828 | | | | | | | |
| 41 | " | CHARLES | 3 | COIMBATORE 2.11.46.... | | " " | | | | | | | |
| 42 | " | SOPHIE | 2 | COIMBATORE 24.10.47 | (INDIA) | " " | | | | | | | |
| N° 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 43 | BORG | JACOB PAUL | 47 | ISTANBUL, 1902 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.P.C. 156137 | CAIRO, 30.10.41 | IRON WAGER (PLUMBER) | 30 YEARS | NIL | GREEK ITALIAN TURKISH | NIL | |
| 44 | " | EUPHROSIA | 47 | ISTANBUL 1902 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS N° C. 156137 | | HOUSE WIFE | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK TURKISH | GREEK | |
| 45 | " | COSTANTINO | 16 | ISTANBUL 17.3.1932 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22680 | MADRAS 28.11.1947 | STUDENT | | ELEMENTARY | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| 46 | " | JOHN JOSEPH | 14 | ISTANBUL 21.11.935 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS C. 156137 | | | | ELEMENTARY | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| 48 | " | SPIRIDION | 12 | ISTANBUL 13.2.1937 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | " " | | SCHOOL BOY | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH LITTLE | |
| 49 | " | URANIA Corne- lla | 11 | ISTANBUL 12.11.938 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | " " | | SCHOOL GIRL | | ELEMENTARY | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| 50 | " | FRANCIS Antony | 6 | COIMBATORE 31.12.43 | | " " | | | | | | | |
| N° 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 51 | BORG | JOSEPH | 42 | 9.6.1907 | | B.P.C. N°26744 | MALTA 26.2.1940 | | | | | | |
| 52 | " | MARIANTHI | 37 | 1912 | | B.P. N°26744 | | | | | | | |
| 53 | " | ANTONETTE | 8 | 1.8.1941 | | FATHER'S PASS N°26744 | | | | | | | |
| 54 | " | CALIOPE | 7 | 3.12.42 | | FATHER'S PASS 26744 | | | | | | | |
| 55 | " | MARY | 4 | COIMBATORE 23.4.45.... | | " " | | | | | | | |
| 56 | " | ELISABETH | 2 | COIMBATORE 21.3.47 | | " " | | | | | | | |
| N° 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 57 | BORG | LUCAS | 54 | ISTANBUL TURKEY 4.3.1895 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. 22735 HUSBAND'S | MADRAS 1.12.1947 | BLACKSMITH | 30 YEARS | ELEMENTARY FRENCH SCHOOL | GREEK TURKISH FRENCH | GREEK FRENCH | |
| 58 | " | CARMELA | 46 | ISTANBUL 27.7.1902 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS. | | HOUSE WIFE | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GERMAN FRENCH MALTESE | FRENCH FRENCH | |
| 59 | " | CECILENTINE | 25 | ISTANBUL 2.3.1924 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. 22736 | " | DRESS-MAKER | 8 YEARS | ELEMENTARY FRENCH SCHOOL | TURKISH FRENCH GREEK | FRENCH FRENCH | |
| 60 | " | SPIRIDION | 23 | ISTANBUL 18.10.925 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. 22737 | MURAS 1.12.47 | DRIVER MECHANIC | 3 YEARS | BRITISH HIGH SCHOOL ISTANBUL | GREEK ENGLISH | ENGLISH | |
| 61 | " | CATHERINE | 17 | ISTANBUL 10.3.1931 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. 22738 | MADRAS 1.12.47 | NIL | | ELEMENTARY FRENCH SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK ENGLISH | FRENCH ENGLISH | |

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| 62 | BORG | EMANUELLA VICTORIA | 12 | ISTAMBUL, 14.2.37 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS N° 22735 | | SCHOOL GIRL | | CAMP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK ENGLISH | ENGLISH LITTLE | |
| N° 17 63 | BORG | LEVIS | 43 | ISTAMBUL, 18.1.1907 | ATHENS GREECE | B.P.C. 155220 | CAIRO, 6.5.41 | FITTER | 8 YEARS | ELEMENTARY | GREEK ENGLISH | GREEK | |
| 64 | " | OLGA | 40 | ATHENS | ATHENS GREECE | HUSBAND'S PASS 155220 | | HOUSE WIFE | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK | GREEK | |
| 65 | " | PAUL | 16 | ATHENS, 7.10.933 | ATHENS GREECE | FATHER'S PASS N° G. 155220 | | SCHOOL BOY | | ELEMENTARY | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH GREEK | |
| 66 | " | THEODORE JOSEPH | 7 | COINTEGRATE, 24.10.42 | | FATHER'S PASS N° G. 255220 | | | | | | | |
| 67 | " | THEO-SOPHIA | 5 | COINTEGRATE, 20.12.44 | | " " | | | | | | | |
| N° 19 69 | BORG | MARY | 41 | ISTAMBUL, 2977.908 | ISTAMBUL - TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22354 | MADRAS, 20.10.1947 | MODISTE SELLER | 8 YEARS | ELEMENTARY | FRENCH ENGLISH ITALIAN GREEK | FRENCH ENGLISH ITALIAN - | |
| N° 20 70 | BORG | NICHOLAS | 49 | ISTAMBUL, 14.7.1900 | ISTAMBUL - TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22704 | MADRAS, 29.11.1947 | STEVEDORE | 6 YEARS | ILLITERATE | GREEK TURKISH | GREEK - | |
| 71 | " | CATHERINA | 50 | ISTAMBUL, 1899 | ISTAMBUL - TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS 22704 | | HOUSE WIFE | | ILLITERATE | GREEK TURKISH | - NONE | |
| 72 | " | COSTANTIN SOCRATE | 15 | ISTAMBUL, 27.1.1934 | ISTAMBUL - TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS 22704 | | | | | | | |
| 73 | " | MARY - ELIZABETH | 14 | ISTAMBUL, 22.12.935 | ISTAMBUL - TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS 22704 | | SCHOOL GIRL | | CAMP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH SLIGHTLY | |
| 74 | " | ELIAS | 11 | ISTAMBUL, 4.2.1938 | ISTAMBUL - TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS 22704 | | SCHOOL BOY | | CAMP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH SLIGHTLY | |
| 75 | " | ANNA - ELIZABETH | 10 | ISTAMBUL, 30.8.1940 | ISTAMBUL - TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS 22704 | | SCHOOL GIRL | | CAMP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH | | |
| N° 21 76 | BORG | PAUL - GEORGE | 58 | ISTAMBUL, 18.9.1891 | ISTAMBUL - TURKEY | B.I.P. 22902 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | PRINTER | 30 YEARS | GREEK ELEMENTARY | GREEK FRENCH ITALIAN GREEK | GREEK FRENCH TURKISH | |
| 77 | " | ANTHONIA | 55 | ISTAMBUL, 5.10.1894 | ISTAMBUL - TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS 22902 | | HOUSE WIFE | | ELEMENTARY | FRENCH ITALIAN GREEK | FRENCH | |
| 79 | " | ANNA | 28 | ISTAMBUL, 1.1.1921 | ISTAMBUL - TURKEY | B.I.P. 22904 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | DRESSMAKER | 10 YEARS | ELEMENTARY | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | ENGLISH FRENCH | |
| 80 | " | VICTORIA | 26 | ISTAMBUL, 29.2.1921 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. 22905 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | SALESWOMAN | 7 YEARS | ELEMENTARY | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | ENGLISH FRENCH | |
| 82 | " | SPIROS | 20 | ISTAMBUL, 4.2.1929 | ISTAMBUL - TURKEY | B.I.P. 22907 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | FITTER MECHANIC | APPRENTICE | ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| 83 | " | Joseph | 18 | ISTAMBUL, 29.12.930 | ISTAMBUL - TURKEY | B.I.P. 22908 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | " " | APPRENTICE | ISTAMBUL CAMP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |

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| N ^o 22 86 | BORG | SEVERIO | 38 | ISTANBUL , 8.10.1911 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | | | MASSON | 20 YEARS (1st. class) | French ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK TURKISH | - - | Application has been made approved for return to Turkey of wol family visas are benign awaited |
| 85 | " | HILLEN | 35 | ISTANBUL , 9.9.1913 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | | | HOUSE WIFE | | ELEMENTARY FRENCH SC. | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH | FRENCH | |
| 86 | " | ANGELO. | 13 | ISTANBUL , 25.2.1936 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | | | SCHOOL BOY | | ELEMENTARY CAMP SCHOOL | GREEK | ENGLISH | LITTLE |
| 87 | " | ANTONETTE | 11 | ISTANBUL , 9.6.1938 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | | | SCHOOL GIRL | | ELEMENTARY CAMP SCHOOL | GREEK | ENGLISH | Slightly |
| 88 | " | ERNESTINE | 6 | BHADRATHUR (INDIA) 1.1.43 | | | | SCHOOL GIRL | | ELEMENTARY CAMP SCHOOL | GREEK | ENGLISH | SLIGHTLY |
| 89 | " | PASCAL | 3 | COIMBATORE (INDIA) 25.1.46 | | | | | | | | | |
| N ^o 23 90 | BORG | LAWRENCE- VINCENT | 54 | ISTANBUL , 9.2.895 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N ^o 22350 | MADRAS , 20.10.47 | COFFEE SHOP | 8 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH | SLIGHTLY ALL | |
| 91 | " | MARY | 54 | ISTANBUL , 1895 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS 22350 | | HOUSE WIFE | | ILLITERATED | ITALIAN GREEK TURKISH | NONE | |
| N ^o 24 92 | BORG | STEFANOS | 58 | ISTANBUL 5.5.1893 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N ^o 22956 | MADRAS , 23.12.47 | BLACKSMITH | 35 YEARS | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK TURKISH FRENCH | GREEK TURKISH FRENCH | |
| 93 | " | MARIA | 49 | GHIOS (GREEKS) 8.1.1900 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS 22956 | | | | NIL | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH | - | |
| 94 | " | GEORGES | 22 | ISTANBUL , 4.7.947 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N ^o 22957 | MADRAS , 23.12.47 | TURNER, SHORT HAND & TYPER | 3 YEARS | HIGH SCHOOL | FRENCH ENGLISH GREEK | FRENCH ENGLISH | |
| 96 | " | SIMON-SPIRI- DION | 16 | ISTANBUL , 20.11.933 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS 22956 | | SCHOOL BOY | | ELEMENTARY CAMP SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| N ^o 25 97 | BORG | WILLIAM | 51 | 2.2.8.898 | | B.I.P. N ^o 22362 | MADRAS , 20.10.47 | | | | | | |
| 98 | " | MARY | 47 | 1902 | | HUSBAND'S PASS 22362 | | | | | | | |
| 99 | " | JOSEPHINE | 18 | 4.2.1931 | | B.I.P. N ^o 22361 | MADRAS , 20.10.47 | | | | | | |
| 100 | " | TERESA | 3 | COIMBATORE , 9.8.46 | | FATHER'S PASS 22362 | | | | | | | |
| N ^o 26 101 | BONNICI | ANTONY- FRANCIS | 63 | ALASHIR , (TURKEY) 13.9.886 | IZMIR TURKEY | B.I.P. N ^o 22336 | MADRAS , 20.10.47 | SECRETARY TO THE OTTOMAN GAS CO & AGC ACCOUNTANT FROM 911 930 GENERAL COM. AGENT FROM 931+ 935 | | ENGLISH COLLAGE HULTON FRENCH LAZARISTIS COLLEGE FRENCH tuition | English FRENCH GREEK | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | |

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| No 27 102 | BONNICI | ANGELA | 65 | SMYRNA , 25.1.1884 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.O. N° 122856 | SMYRNA 9.5.41 | HOUSE WIFE | | FRENCH SC. SISTER OF CHARITY | FRENCH GREEK | STORE BLIND | |
| No 28 102 A | BONNICI | PAULINE | 67 | SMYRNA , 29.12.881 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.V. N° 122855 | SMYRNA 9.5.41 | HOUSE WIFE | | FRENCH SCHOOL SISTERS OF CHARITY SMYRNA | FRENCH GREEK | FRENCH GREEK | |
| No 29 103 | BONNICI | NICHOLAS | 53 | ISTANBUL , 27.3.896 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. 22726 | MADRAS 1.12.1947 | FITTER | 30 YEARS | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK TURKISH | TURKISH | |
| 104 | " | MARIA | 44 | ISTANBUL , 1905 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS 22725 | | HOUSE WIFE | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK TURKISH | NONE | |
| 105 | " | GEORGES | 21 | ISTANBUL , 24.3.928 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22728 | MADRAS 1.12.47 | STUDENT | | ELEMENTARY FRENCH HIGH SC. GREEK | ENGLISH FRENCH | ENGLISH FRENCH | |
| 106 | " | CALOIFI | 20 | ISTANBUL , 6.13.949 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22729 | MADRAS 1.12.47 | STUDENT | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK ENGLISH | ENGLISH | |
| 107 | " | CHRISTO - MARIO | 18 | ISTANBUL , 24.1.931 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22727 | MADRAS 1.12.47 | STUDENT | | ELEMENTARY CAMP SCHOOL | GREEK ENGLISH | ENGLISH GREEK | |
| 108 | " | VILMA | 3 | COIMBATORE (INDIA) 25.11.46 | | FATHER'S PASS | | | | | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | |
| No 30 109 | BOUCHEKHAZ | WILLIAM | 65 | AT SEA ON BOAT "LA SUZANNE" 15.10.884 (near aden) | BOUCHEKHAZ RUMANIA | BRITISH INDIAN RENAVED FROM N° 796 ORLO. P.P. N° 17993 P.O. 13.6.22. BUCAREST B.I.P. N° 157158/3.12.47. | BOUCHEKHAZ 18.1.48 | PROFESSOR OF LANGUAGES CON- SIDERED BY ME T RATHER BETTER THAN GOOD | 1922-40 AND BEFORE | COLLEGE ST. EDMOND S. LOUAI (NORTH FRANCE) UNIVERSITY CAMBRIDGE LONDON KORNBURG | ENGLISH FRENCH ITALIAN RUMANIAN | ENGLISH FRENCH ITALIAN RUMANIAN | Slightly mental |
| No 31 112 | BODJA | JULIS | 33 | ISTANBUL , 12.8.915 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.P.V. 154718 | ISTANBUL 24.4.41 | CARPENTER - CLERK BRITISH LEGATION ISTANBUL | 8 YEARS & 4 YEARS TO THE BRITISH LEGATION | ST. PIERRE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH ENGLISH. | FRENCH TURKISH | |
| 113 | " | JOSEPHINE | 40 | ISTANBUL , 5.7.909 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS | | HOUSE WIFE | | ELEMENTARY PR. SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH ITALIAN | FRENCH TURKISH | |
| 114 | " | FELIX | 9 | ISTANBUL , 3.9.540 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS | | SCHOOL BOY | | ELEMENTARY CAMP SCHOOL | GREEK | GREEK | |
| 5 | " | JANETTE | 7 | BHARATHUR (INDIA) 23.10.42 | | | | SCHOOL GIRL | | ELEMENTARY CAMP SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK ENGLISH | ENGLISH | Slightly |

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| 42 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fam. N° 33 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 116 | BUSEJA | ANTHONY | 6 | COIMBATORE 8.10.1943 | | FATHER'S PASS N° 154718 | | | | | | | |
| 117 | " | FRANCIS | 4 | COIMBATORE 4. 5.1945 | | " " | | | | | | | |
| 118 | " | MARCEL | 2 | COIMBATORE | | | | | | | | | |
| Fam. N° 34 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 119 | BUSUTTIL | EVANGHELOS | 34 | SMYRNA 5. 6.1915 | ATHENS GREECE | B.I.P.22365 | MADRAS 21.10.1947 | PAINTER | 16 YEARS 2nd. Class | ILLITERATED | GREEK ENGLISH (slightly) | NONE | Application med for return to Greece 1.10.48. |
| 120 | " | HELLEN ANGELE | 31 | ISTAMBUL 7.2.1918 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS. N° 22365 | | | | ELEMENTARY | FRENCH ITALIAN ENGLISH (slightly) | | |
| Fam. N° 35 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 121 | BUSUTTIL | PARASKEVOU | 52 | SINOPE 1897 | ATHENS GREECE | B.I.P.22365 | MADRAS 21.10.1947 | HOUSEWIFE | | ELEMENTARY GREEK SCHOOL | GREEK TURKISH | GREEK | do |
| Fam. N° 36 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 122 | BUTTIGIO | ALEXANDER | 62 | SMYRNA 15.3.1887 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. N° 122899 | SMYRNA | STEVEDORE | 40 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK FRENCH (slightly) ITALIAN TURKISH | GREEK | |
| 123 | " | VASILIA | 54 | SMYRNA 10.4.1895 | SMYRNA TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS. C.122899 | | HOUSE-WIFE | | ELEMENTARY | GREEK | | |
| 124 | " | ANNA | 31 | SMYRNA 4.12.1918 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C.122894 | SMYRNA 6.6.1941 | | | ELEMENTARY ITALIAN SCHOOL | GREEK ITALIAN | ITALIAN | |
| 125 | FOURMAGE | POLYCARPE | 24 | SMYRNA 17.5.1925 | " " | B.P.C.122893 | " " " | | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK TURKISH ENGLISH FRENCH | - - - FRENCH | |
| Fam. N° 37 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 126 | BUTTIGIO | ANTHONY | 54 | SMYRNA 13.7.1896 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C.123039 | SMYRNA 19.2.1942 | UNDERTAKER & FLORIST | 26 YEARS 3rd Class | ITALIAN SCHOOL 4 YEARS FRENCH SCHOOL 4 YEARS | ITALIAN GREEK TURKISH FRENCH | ITALIAN GREEK TRANSLITERATION GREEK | |
| 127 | " | MARY | 53 | SMYRNA | " " | HUSBAND'S PASS N° 123039 | | HOUSEWIFE | | GREEK SCHOOL 4 YEARS | GREEK | GREEK | |
| Fam. N° 38 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 128 | " | FRANCIS-JOSEPH | 28 | SMYRNA 19.3.1921 | " " | B.I.P. N° 22936 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | TYPIST-CLERK SALESMAN | 5 YEARS | FRENCH COLLEGE | ENGLISH FRENCH ITALIAN GREEK | ENGLISH ITALIAN FRENCH GREEK | |
| 129 | " | ANTOINETTE MARY | 24 | SMYRNA 6.7.1925 | " " | HUSBAND'S PASS N° 22936 | | DRESSMAKER | 3 YEARS 2nd. Class | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH ENGLISH | FRENCH GREEK - | |
| 130 | " | ANNY | 2 | COIMBATORE 23.10.47 | | FATHER'S PASS. N° 22936 | | | | | | | |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | SPOKEN | WRITTEN | |
| 32 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 131 | BUTTIGIEG | JOHN | 43 | SMYRNA 7.7.1906 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.I.P.N#22946 | MADRAS 24.12.1947 | MANAGER IN NOVELTY STORES EX PAINTER HOUSEWIFE | 15 YEARS the former 3 YEARS the latter | ITALIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK ITALIAN TURKISH ENGLISH | - ITALIAN TURKISH (slightly) | |
| 132 | " | JEANNE | 41 | SMYRNA 21.9.1908 | " " | HUSBAND'S PASS. N#22946 | | | | ELEMENTARY FRENCH SCHOOL | GREEK ENGLISH | (slightly) | |
| 133 | " | CATHERINE | 15 | SMYRNA 9.3. 934 | " " | FATHER'S PASS. N#22946 | | STUDENT | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH - | |
| 134 | " | MARY-JEANNE | 14 | SMYRNA 31.10.935 | " " | " " " | | " | | " | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH GREEK | |
| 135 | " | FRANK, JOHN POLYCAHNE | 5 | COIMBATORE 17.1.44 | | FATHER'S PASS N#22946 | | | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH - | |
| 40 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 136 | BUTTIGIEG | JOSEPH-MARIO | 53 | SMYRNA 1.2.1896 | " " | B.P.C. 1177 | SMYRNA 10.10.940 | FITTER | 35 YEARS | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK TURKISH FRENCH ENGLISH | GREEK TURKISH FRENCH | |
| 137 | " | ADRIENNE | 50 | SMYRNA 19.9.99 | " " | HUSBAND'S PASS N# 1177 | | HOUSEWIFE | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK FRENCH | GREEK FRENCH | |
| 138 | " | ALFRED-ANTHONY | | SMYRNA 13.6.921 | " " | B.P.C. 122916 | SMYRNA 14.6.1941 | ACCOUNTANT CLERK | 4 YEARS 2nd. Class | FRENCH COLLEGE | ENGLISH FRENCH ITALIAN GREEK TURKISH | ENGLISH FRENCH ITALIAN GREEK TURKISH | |
| 139 | " | MARY HELENA | 20 | SMYRNA 21.12.28 | " " | B.I.P.N#22910 | MADRAS 23.12.947 | DRESSMAKER | 3 YEARS 2nd. Class | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH ENGLISH GREEK | FRENCH - | |
| 140 | " | EDWIGE ANTOINETTE | 11 | ISMYR 12.3.938 | " " | FATHER'S PASS N# 1177 | | SCHOOL GIRL | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH GREEK | |
| 41 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 141 | BUTTIGIEG | JUSTIN (GIOSINO) | 43 | ISTANBUL 27.6.906 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | | | REPAIR & POLISHER OF PIANO | 22 YEARS 1st. Class | ELEMENTARY | GREEK FRENCH ITALIAN MALTESE TURKISH | ITALIAN ONLY | Application made to return to Turkish. |
| 142 | " | MARY | 34 | ISTANBUL 15.1.915 | " | | | HOUSEWIFE | | BREVETED IN FRENCH | GREEK FRENCH TURKISH | GREEK FRENCH - | |
| 143 | " | ALFRED-VICTOR-JOHN | 8 | CAIRO, EGYPTE | | | | SCHOOL BOY | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK ENGLISH | ENGLISH | |
| 144 | | JOHN-ROBERT | 4 | COIMBATORE (India) | | | | | | | | | |
| 145 | | PAUL FRANC. | 10 Months | " | | | | | | | | | |
| 42 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 146 | BUTTIGIEG | MARY | 73 | ANDRINOPLE 2.8.876 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 122884 | SMYRNA 3.6.941 | HOUSEWIFE | | FRENCH ITALIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK ITALIAN | | |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | SPOKEN | WRITTEN | |
| 43 147 | BUTTIGIEG | PASCAL (Pasquale) | 65 | SMYRNA 15.9.884 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 12884 | SMYRNA 11.5.1941 | | | | | | |
| 148 | " | ANASTASIA | 62 | SMYRNA 17.1.887 | " " | HUSBAND'S PASS N.C. 122883 | | | | | | | |
| 44 149 | " | PETER LUCAS | 27 | SMYRNA 27.9.922 | " " | B.I.P. 22919 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | | | | | | |
| 150 | " | CONCETTA | 26 | SMYRNA 26.1.923 | " " | HUSBAND'S PASS N. 22919 | | | | | | | |
| 45 151 | CAGLIARINI | MARY | 53 | ISTANBUL 16.8.896 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P.N. 22838 | MADRAS 20.10.47 | HOUSEWIFE | | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH | FRENCH | |
| 151/A | " | JOSEPHINE | 20 | ISTANBUL 21.11.29 | " " | B.I.P.N. 22839 | MADRAS 20.12.47 | | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH FRENCH TURKISH | ENGLISH FRENCH | |
| 152 | " | KATE | 20 | ISTANBUL 21.11.29 | " " | B.I.P.N. 22840 | " " " | | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | FRENCH ENGLISH TURKISH | FRENCH ENGLISH TURKISH | |
| 46 154 | CAGLIARINI | ROSARIO | 65 | ISTANBUL 1.5.865 | " " | B.I.P.N. 22360 | MADRAS 20.10.47 | | 40 YEARS | ILLETERATE | GREEK TURKISH ITALIAN MALTESE | NONE | Application made for the return to Turkish 14.2.49. |
| 155 | " | ANTHULA | 62 | ANDRINOPLE 1887 | " " | HUSBAND'S PASS N. 22360 | | | | NONE | GREEK TURKISH BULGARIAN | NONE | |
| 47 156 | CALLEJA | MARIA | 45 | ISTANBUL 26.2.903 | " " | HUSBAND'S PASS N. 22355 | | HOUSEWIFE | | NILL | GREEK TURKISH | NONE | |
| 157 | CALLEJA | MICHAEL | 52 | ISTANBUL 23.7.896 | " " | B.I.P. 22355 | MADRAS 20.10.47 | CEMENT & MARBLE WORK | 30 YEARS | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK MALTESE TURKISH | GREEK MALTESE TURKISH | |
| 158 | CALLEJA | DORA MARIA | 26 | ISTANBUL 3.8.923 | " " | B.I.P.N. 22356 | MADRAS 20.10.47 | DRESS MAKER | 7 YEARS | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH ENGLISH GREEK | FRENCH ENGLISH GREEK | |
| 160 | CALLEJA | PAUL MARIUS | 21 | ISTANBUL 14.11.27 | " " | B.I.P.N. 22358 | MADRAS 20.10.47 | MOTOR MECHANIC | 7 YEARS | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH GREEK | |
| 161 | CALLEJA | MARIA CATHERINE | 15 | ISTANBUL 11.10.34 | " " | FATHER'S PASS 22355 | | SCHOOL GIRL | | ELEMENTARY | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | |
| 162 | CALLEJA | TERESA MARIA | 13 | ISTANBUL 20.7.936 | " " | FATHER'S PASS 22355 | | SCHOOL GIRL | | ELEMENTARY CAMP SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | Slightly ENGLISH | |
| 48 163 | CALLUS | LOUIS | 53 | ISTANBUL 2.12.895 | " " | B.I.P. 22341 | MADRAS 20.10.47 | CANDLE MANUFACTURER | 27 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH MALTESE GREEK ITALIAN | FRENCH | |
| 164 | CALLUS | MARY (ARCAO) | 42 | ISTANBUL 21.11.907 | " " | B.I.P. HUSBAND'S PASS N. 23341 | | | | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK ITALIAN | FRENCH GREEK ITALIAN | |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | SPOKEN | WRITTEN | |
| 165 | CALLUS | TERESE | 22 | ISTANBUL 5.6.1927 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P.W.23346 | MADRAS 20.10.1947 | EMBROIDERER | | FRENCH ENGLISH GREEK | FRENCH ENGLISH GREEK | | |
| 166 | CALLUS | CLAUSIA | 19 | | | | | SALES WOMAN | | | | | |
| 167 | CALLUS | JOSEPH | 17 | ISTANBUL 22.8.1932 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P.W.22348 | MADRAS 20.10.1947 | STUDENT | | 3 YEARS FRENCH SCHOOL, AND 5th FORM IN ENGLISH | ENGLISH GREEK FRENCH | ENGLISH FRENCH | |
| 168 | CALLUS | ANDREW | 18 | ISTANBUL 22.8.1932 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P.W.22349 | MADRAS 20.10.1947 | STUDENT | | 3 YEARS FRENCH SCHOOL, AND 5th FORM IN ENGLISH | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | |
| 50 171 | CAMILLERI | NICOLAS | 52 | SMYRNA 21.4.1895 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.I.O.W.22892 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | CONFECTIONER | 20 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH | FRENCH | |
| 172 | CAMILLERI | ROSA MARIA | 52 | ISTANBUL 27.5.1897 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | | | NURSE | 2 YEARS | ILLITERATE | ITALIAN GREEK ITALIAN TURKISH | NONE | |
| 52 173 | CAUCHI | GREGORIO LUCAS | 69 | SMYRNA 26.3.1880 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 122867 | SMYRNA 12.5.1941 | | | | | | |
| 174 | CAUCHI | LIBERTY | 55 | SMYRNA 1892 | SMYRNA TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS C. 122867 | | | | | | | |
| 54 180 | CARUANA | ANGELO | 47 | ISTANBUL 4.9.1902 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. 22829 | MADRAS 19.12.1947 | MIRROR MAKER | 32 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH ITALIAN GREEK TURKISH | FRENCH ITALIAN | |
| 181 | CARUANA | VINCENT | 12 | ISTANBUL 10.7.1937 | " " | FATHER'S PASS N. 22829 | | SCHOOL BOY | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | |
| 182 | CARUANA | MARIUS | 10 | ISTANBUL 23.8.1939 | " " | FATHER'S PASS. N. 22829 | | SCHOOL BOY | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | |
| 55 183 | CARUANA | HENRY ANTHONY | 43 | ISTANBUL 4.4.1906 | " " | B.P.C. 156288 | CAIRO 15.8.1941 | SUIT CASE MAKER | 20 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | TURKISH GREEK SLIGHTLY ENGLISH | NONE | Husband & wife are separated. Application for wife & son to return to Turkey made 7.2.49. |
| 184 | CARUANA | ASHATA (IAGUMIDIS) | 39 | MIRIOFITO (THRACE) 1.4.1910 | " " | HUSBAND'S PASS. G. 156288 | | HOUSEWIFE | | NONE | GREEK TURKISH | NONE | |
| 185 | CARUANA | EDWARD | 13 | ISTANBUL 11.5.1936 | " " | FATHER'S PASS. C. 156288 | | | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |

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| | | | | | | | | | | | SPOKEN | WRITTEN | |
| 56 186 | CARUANA | CARRELO | 67 | ISTANBUL 2.1.1882 | CONSTANTZA ROMANIA | B.P.C. 45948 | CONSTANTZA 3.7.1940 | MECHANIC STEAM | 32 YEARS 1st Class | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH ROMANIAN ITALIAN | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH ITALIAN ROMANIAN | |
| 187 | CARUANA | CATHERINE (SEGOTTI) | 53 | ISTANBUL 12.4.1894 | CONSTANTZA ROMANIA | HUSBAND'S PASS. C. 45948 | | HOUSEWIFE | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH ROMANIAN GREEK | ENGLISH ROMANIAN ITALIAN | |
| 188 | CARUANA | THERESA | 29 | CONSTANTZA ROMANIA 8.8.1920 | CONSTANTZA ROMANIA | B.P.C. 45957 | CONSTANTZA 12.10.1940 | CLERK | | ROMANIAN LYCEUM | ENGLISH FRENCH ROMANIAN ITALIAN | ENGLISH FRENCH ROMANIAN ITALIAN | |
| 57 189 | CARUANA | CHARLES | 30 | ISTANBUL 1.3.1919 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P.N. 22981 | MADRAS 31.12.1947 | | | | | | |
| 190 | CARUANA | YOLANDA (CAGLIAPINI) | 25 | ISTANBUL 15.5.1924 | " " | B.I.P.N. 22945 | MADRAS 24.12.1947 | | | | | | |
| 191 | CARUANA | MARIE | 2 1/2 | COIMBATORE INDIA 1947 | | FATHER'S PASS. N. 22981 | | | | | | | |
| 58 192 | CARUANA | JOSEPHINE | 67 | ISTANBUL 4.9.1882 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | | | HOUSEWIFE | | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH ITALIAN GREEK | | |
| 59 193 | CARUANA | JOSEPH | 63 | ISTANBUL 13.3.1886 | " " | B.I.P.N. 22678 | MADRAS 28.11.1947 | | | | | | |
| 194 | CARUANA | LOUISE | 34 | ISTANBUL 12.11.1915 | " " | HUSBAND PASS. 22678 | | | | | | | |
| 60 195 | CARUANA | OURANIA (LINGOURI) | 48 | ISTANBUL 7.9.1901 | " " | B.I.P.N. 22691 | MADRAS 28.11.1947 | TAILOR/ESS | 30 YEARS | GREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL | GREEK TURKISH | GREEK | |
| 196 | CARUANA | MARY | 17 | ISTANBUL 8.1.1932 | " " | MOTHERS'S PASS. 22691 | | STUDENT | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| 197 | CARUANA | IRENE | 15 | ISTANBUL 7.1.1934 | " " | MOTHER'S PASS. 22691 | | STUDENT | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| 61 198 | CARUANA | VICTOR | 28 | ISTANBUL 16.12.1926 | " " | B.I.P. N. 22983 | MADRAS 31.12.1947 | | | | | | |
| 199 | CARUANA | HAZEL | 21 | ISTANBUL 6.10.1928 | " " | HUSBAND'S PASS N. 22983 | | | | | | | |
| 62 200 | CASSAR | ANNA (VICENTINI) | 72 | SMYRNA 9.10.1877 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 122919 | SMYRNA 18.6.1941 | HOUSEWIFE | | FRENCH SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK | FRENCH GREEK | |

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| <u>73</u> 220 | CHIALTON | STRATOS | 32 | ISTANBUL 17.1.1917 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22952 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | PAINTER | 6 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK TURKISH FRENCH SLIGHTLY ENGLISH. GREEK | TURKISH FRENCH | |
| 221 | CHIALTON | MIRIAMITZA (DIAMANDINI) | 32 | ISTANBUL 5.2.1918. | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS N° 22958 | | HOUSEWIFE | | GREEK SCHOOL HIGH CAMP | GREEK | GREEK | |
| 222 | CHIALTON | CONSTANTINE | 11 | ISTANBUL 29.11.1938. | ISTANBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS 22952 | | SCHOOL BOY | | EMERGENCY SCHOOL | GREEK ENGLISH | ENGLISH | |
| 223 | CHIALTON | JOSEPH | 4 | ODDIBATORE INDIA 11.9.1945. | FROM BOMBAY TO MASSARA 17.1.48 | FATHER'S PASS N° 22952 | | | | | | | |
| 224 | CHIALTON | MOIRA | 15 | ON BOARD s/s | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>74</u> 225 | CHIALTON | THOMAS | 29 | ISTANBUL 14.3.1929 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22692 | MADRAS 28.11.1947 | TILE MAKER | 7 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAMP | FRENCH GREEK ENGLISH GREEK | FRENCH | |
| 226 | CHIALTON | LOUISA (CARUANA) | 18 | ISTANBUL 12.9.1931 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS N° 22692 | | HOUSEWIFE | | EMERGENCY SCHOOL | GREEK ENGLISH | ENGLISH | |
| 226a | CHIALTON | BERNARDETTE | 10 | MAI HASAR 10.5.48 | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>77</u> 234 | CILLIA | JOSEPH | 55 | ISTANBUL 24.11.1894 | CONSTANZA ROMANIA | B.I.P. N° 22369 | MADRAS 20.10.1947 | BRICK MAKER & COACHMAN DRESS MAKER | 15 YEARS THE FORMER, 12 YEARS THE LATTER. | ILLITERATE | GREEK ROMANIAN TURKISH ROMANIAN ENGLISH | ROMANIAN | |
| 235 | CILLIA | VASILICA (VALSAN) | 43 | CARASAC ROMANIA 25.8.1906 | CONSTANZA ROMANIA | HUSBAND'S PASS N° 22369 | | | | ROMANIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH ROMANIAN | ENGLISH | |
| 236 | CILLIA | JOHN | 15 | CONSTANZA 21.10.1934 | CONSTANZA ROMANIA | FATHER'S PASS N° 22639 | | STUDENT | | EMERGENCY SCHOOL CAMP | ENGLISH ROMANIAN | ENGLISH | |
| 237 | CILLIA | MADLENE | 14 | CONSTANZA 4.2.1936 | CONSTANZA ROMANIA | FATHER'S PASS N° 22639 | | STUDENT | | EMERGENCY SCHOOL CAMP | ENGLISH ROMANIAN | ENGLISH | |
| <u>78</u> 238 | CILLIA | GIACOMO | 49 | ISTANBUL 23.9.1900 | CONSTANZA ROMANIA | B.I.P. N° 22352 | MADRAS 20.10.1947 | BRICK MAKER | 25 YEARS | ILLITERATE | GREEK ROMANIAN TURKISH | BORN | |
| <u>80</u> 244 | CINI | LORENZO | 71 | ISTANBUL 24.2.1878 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22924 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | STOVE FITTER | 30 YEARS | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK MALTESE ITALIAN GREEK | | |
| 245 | CINI | POLYCHRONIA (DIAMANDI) | 51 | ANDRINOPLE 1898 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS N° 22924 | | HOUSEWIFE | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK | | |
| 246 | CINI | MECHALINA | 21 | ISTANBUL 12.3.1928 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22925 | | N I L | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH ITALIAN | ENGLISH | |
| 247 | CINI | JOSEPH | 16 | ISTANBUL 18.3.1933 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS N° 22924 | | SCHOOL BOY | | STAINS HIGH SCHOOL | GREEK ENGLISH | ITALIAN ENGLISH | |
| 248 | CINI | NATALE | 15 | ISTANBUL 24.7.1934 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS N° 22924 | | SCHOOL BOY | | ELEMENTARY CAMP SCHOOL | GREEK ENGLISH | GREEK ENGLISH | |
| <u>81</u> 249 | DAMATO | ESPERANCE | 28 | ISTANBUL 29.12.1921 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22950 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | SALES WOMAN | SLIGHT | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH a LITTLE FRENCH | | APPLICATION MADE FOR HER REPATR. TO U.K. 8.3.1949 |

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| 82 | 250 | DANATO | THEANO | 60 | 17.3.1889 | | B.I.P.N°22942 | MADRAS 23.12.47 | | | | | | |
| | | DANATO | KATY | 29 | 29.4.1920 | | B.I.P.N°22943 | MADRAS 23.12.47 | | | | | | |
| | | DANATO | ALEXANDER | 27 | 29.3.1922 | | B.I.P.N°22955 | MADRAS 23.12.47 | | | | | | |
| 84 | 254 | DEBONO | BEATRICE | 48 | ISTANBUL 9.5.1901 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P.N°22533 | MADRAS 20.10.47 | LADY'S DRESS MAKER | 2 YEARS | ELEMENTARY FRENCH SCHOOL | ITALIAN GREEK TURKISH FRENCH | | |
| 85 | 255 | DI GIORGIO | MICHAEL | 79 | SMYRNA 13/6/1870 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P. C N° 122920 | SMYRNA 18.6.41 | SHOEMAKER | 30 YEARS (expert) | ILLITERATE | FRENCH GREEK GREEK GREEK | IRRELEVANT | |
| | 256 | DI GIORGIO | JOSEPHINE (BONNIGI) | 69 | SMYRNA 26.4.1880 | SMYRNA TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS N° 122920 | | HOUSEWIFE | | ILLITERATE | GREEK GREEK GREEK | | |
| 87 | 259 | ESPOSITO | ALFRED | 67 | ISTANBUL 1.1.1882 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P.N°22335 | MADRAS 20.12.1947 | TAILOR & CONDUCTOR ORIENT | HOLDER OF DIPLOMA FROM PARIS, 35 YEARS TAILOR 8 YEARS CONDUCTOR | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | TURKISH GREEK FRENCH ITALIAN | FRENCH | |
| 89 | 262 | ELLUL | HENRIANA (CONSTANTINO) | 51 | SMYRNA 15.6.1898 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C 122967 | SMYRNA 25.8.1941. | HOUSEWIFE | IRRELEVANT | ILLITERATE | GREEK | | |
| | 263 | ELLUL | EMMANUEL | 24 | SMYRNA 24.6.1925 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C 122968 | SMYRNA 25.8.1941 | N I L | | FRENCH SCHOOL | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | FRENCH | |
| | 264 | ELLUL | ANGELO | 20 | SMYRNA 11.5.1930 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.I.P.N°22929 | MADRAS 23.12.1947. | STUDENT | IRRELEVANT | FRENCH SCHOOL SMYRNA, STANIS EUROPEAN HIGH SCHOOL COIMBATORE | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | TURKISH ENGLISH FRENCH | |
| 90 | 265 | ELLUL | ATHINA | 48 | SMYRNA 1902 | SALONICA GREECE | B.I.P.N°22329 | MADRAS 20.10.1947. | HOUSEWIFE | | KOPENDIOLLOU SCHOOL SMYRNA | GREEK | GREEK | |
| | 266 | ELLUL | GENOVIEVE | 20 | SALONICA 27.4.1928 | SALONICA GREECE | B.I.P.N°22330 | MADRAS 20.10.1947. | NURSE | TWO YEARS EXPERIENCE CAMP HOSPITAL IN COIMBATORE | SISTERS OF CHARITY SCHOOL SALONICA | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| 102 | 267 | GALDIES | JOHN | 18 | SMYRNA 1.12.1931 | SMYRNA TURKEY | MOTHER'S PASS N°22933 | | | | Camp SCHOOL | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | |
| | 268 | GALDIES | GEORGE | 13 | SMYRNA 10.4.1936 | SMYRNA TURKEY | MOTHER'S PASS N°22933 | | | | ELEMENTARY CAMP SCHOOL | FRENCH ENGLISH GREEK | | |
| 103 | 289 | GALDIES | PAUL | 49 | SMYRNA 25.11.1900 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 122922 | SMYRNA 20.6.1941 | TILE MAKER | 8 YEARS | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FRENCH | FRENCH GREEK | FRENCH | |
| | 290 | GALDIES | JEANE (CARARIS) | 41 | SMYRNA 7.6.1907 | SMYRNA TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS N° C 122922 | | HOUSEWIFE | | ELEMENTARY FRENCH SCHOOL | TURKISH FRENCH GREEK | FRENCH | |
| | 291 | GALDIES | EDWARD | 21 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 291a | GALDIES | GEORGE | 18 | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 104 293 | GENOVESE | ANDREA | 38 | ISTANBUL 3.3.1909 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.P.C 156195 | CAIRO 8.11.47 | MERCHANT | 20 YEARS | N I L | GREEK TURKISH | NONE | |
| 294 | GENOVESE | EUGENIE (GAUCI) | 49 | ISTANBUL 8.2.1900 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS N° C 156195 | | GOVERNNESS | 20 YEARS | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK FRENCH TURKISH | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH | |
| 105 295 | GENOVESE | FELICE | 35 | ISTANBUL 1.4.1914 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P.N°22869 | MADRAS 22.12. 1947. | DYER AGRICULTURE | 7 YEARS | | TURKISH GREEK | NONE | |
| 296 | GENOVESE | MARGUERITE | 26 | ISTANBUL 19.5.1923 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS N° 22869 | | HOUSEWIFE | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK ENGLISH GREEK TURKISH FRENCH ENGLISH ENGLISH GREEK | FRENCH | |
| 297 | GENOVESE | THERESSE | 6 | | COIMBATORE INDIA | FATHER'S PASS N° 22869 | | SCHOOL GIRL | | CAMP SCHOOL EMERGENCY | | | |
| 106 298 | GENOVESE | GIOVANNI | 64 | ISTANBUL 4.10.1885 | ATHENS GREECE | B.P.C 155733 | CAIRO 1.8.41. | PLUMBER | 33 YEARS | NONE | ITALIAN GREEK FRENCH MALTESE | ITALIAN | Application made for his return to Greece 3.12.48 |
| 107 299 | GENOVESE | JOSEPH | 42 | ISTANBUL 12.7.1907 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.P.C N°156153 | CAIRO 1.11.1947. | | | | | | |
| 300 | GENOVESE | KIRIAKI | 38 | ISTANBUL 15.4.1911 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS. C 156153 | | | | | | | |
| 301 | GENOVESE | ANTHONY | | ISTANBUL | ISTANBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS. C 156153 | | | | | | | |
| 302 | GENOVESE | MARGARET | | ISTANBUL | ISTANBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS. C 156153 | | | | | | | |
| 303 | GENOVESE | SALVATORE | 12 | ISTANBUL 5.6.1939 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS. C 156153 | | | | | | | |
| 304 | GENOVESE | LOUIS | 8 | 27.5.1941 | | FATHER'S PASS. C 156153 | | | | | | | |
| 305 | GENOVESE | JOEL | 2 | COIMBATORE INDIA 24.1.47. | | FATHER'S PASS. C 156153 | | | | | | | |
| 108 306 | GENOVESE | GEORGE | 33 | ISTANBUL 14.11.1916. | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P.N°22901 | MADRAS 23.12 1947 | CENTRAL HEATING MECHANIC HOUSEWIFE | 8 YEARS | ILLITERATE | ENGLISH GREEK TURKISH GREEK TURKISH | NONE | |
| 307 | GENOVESE | DOSTANTINA (ANTONIAIDOU) | 33 | ISTANBUL 17.5.1916 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS N° 22901 | | | | GREEK SCHOOL ELEMENTARY CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK TURKISH | GREEK | |
| 308 | GENOVESE | ANTONETTE | 12 | ISTANBUL 7.3.1937 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS N° 22901 | | STUDENT | | | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK ENGLISH | ENGLISH FRENCH | |
| 309 | GENOVESE | ROSA | 11 | ISTANBUL 5.12.1938 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS N° 22901 | | STUDENT | | | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK ENGLISH | ENGLISH | |
| 310 | GENOVESE | RODOS | 5 | COIMBATORE INDIA 5.12.44. | | FATHER'S PASS N° 22901 | | | | | | | |
| 311 | GENOVESE | ANDREOS | 14 | MAI HABAR 26.1.1948. | | FATHER'S PASS N° 22901 | | | | | | | |
| 110 313 | GROCH | EMILN | 67 | ISTANBUL 7.3.1879. | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P.N°22826 | MADRAS 19.12 1947 | NONE | | ILLITERATE | FRENCH GREEK ITALIAN | NONE | |
| 313a | GROCH | ANTONY | 68 | | | | | PITTER BY TRADE | PERMANENT INVALID | | | | |

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| 111 314 | CRISOTI | GEORGE PETER PAUL | 71 | ISTANBUL - 17.9.1879 | ATHENS, GREECE | BRITISH No C. 134671 | ATHENS - GREECE 11.4.1941 | SHIPCHAN- DER & COMMISSION AGENT CORRESPON- DENT ENGLISH? FRENCH, ITALIAN. | SERVED BRITISH MERCANTILE FLEET ODESSA BRANCHES NICOLAIFF & KHERSON CORRESPON- DENT FRENCH ENGLISH ITALIAN BANK OF ATHENS, ATHENS GINNING FACTORY PIRAEUS, GREECE SECRETARY BRITISH MILITARY ATTACHÉ SOVIA GREEK BRITISH LEG. ATHENS. GRADUATE MIDDLE GREEK SCHOOL RODHOKANAKI ODESSA RUSSIA | GRADUATE ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE ISTANBUL | ENGLISH FRENCH ITALIAN RUSSIAN GREEK HALLTSE | ENGLISH FRENCH ITALIAN RUSSIAN | |
| 315 | CRISOTI | CALLIGNE | 61 | ODESSA 30.8.1888. | ODESSA RUSSIA | BRITISH No C. 134671 | ATHENS- GREECE 11.4.1941. | HOUSEWIFE | | GRADUATE MIDDLE GREEK SCHOOL RODHOKANAKI ODESSA RUSSIA | GREEK & RUSSIAN | GREEK & RUSSIAN | |
| 112 316 | GREENFIELD | ELISE OSME | 68 | LONDON NOV. 1881. | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. No 123099 | ISTANBUL 2.4.1941. | TEACHER | 15 YEARS ENGLISH PRIVATE TEACHER | RICHMOND COLLEGE SUMMIT | ENGLISH TURKISH | ENGLISH TURKISH | |
| 113 317 | HARRISON | ALFRED | 72 | ISTANBUL 12.9.1878. | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. No 20762 | MADRAS 23.4. 1947. | ASSISTANT ENGINEER - SILVER & GOLDSMITH | 45 YEARS | FRENCH HIGH SCHOOL | FRENCH ITALIAN TURKISH GREEK | FRENCH | |
| 114 318 | HARRISON | JOSEPHINE | 74 | ISTANBUL 6.3.1879. | ISTANBUL TURKEY | | | FRENCH TEACHER | 45 YEARS | GRADUATE OF NOTRE DAME DESIGN ISTANBUL | FRENCH ENGLISH GREEK TURKISH | FRENCH ENGLISH TURKISH | Application made and approved for her return to Turkey. Visa awaited 26.12.48 |
| 116 321 | HILL | GEORGE - FREDERIC | 33 | CAIRO 11.7.1916. | ATHENS GREECE | B.I.P. No 22697 | MADRAS 23.11 1947. | ACCOUNTANT CLERK | 4 YEARS | ONE YEAR ATTEND IN THE GREEK UNIVERSITY | ENGLISH GREEK FRENCH ITALIAN | ENGLISH GREEK FRENCH | Resettlement in Australia approved. |
| 117 322 | HARRIS | LUCY | 49 | ISTANBUL 13.12.900. | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. No 22372 | MADRAS 21.10 1947. | HOUSEWIFE | | FRENCH SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK ENGLISH TURKISH | FRENCH | |

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| 118 323 | HERTER | MARGARET | 64 | 12.5.885 | BUCHAREST ROMANIA | B.I.P. N° 17800 | MADRAS 9.8.45 | | | | | | |
| 119 324 | HYEDMAN | EUGENE | 65 | HONGKONG 22.11.84 | BUDAPEST HUNGARY | B.P.O. N° 109680 | BUDAPEST 30.10.1939 | GENERAL OFFICE & SHIPPING CLERK | 12 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ADMINISTRATIVE & ORGANISATION WORK IN THE SHIPPING BUSINESS | MATRICULATION SIR THOMAS HAUBURY SCHOOL | ENGLISH ITALIAN HUNGARIAN GERMAN | ENGLISH HUNGARIAN | |
| 325 | HYEDMAN | BERTHA | 57 | ASZOD HUNGARY 13.9.1892 | BUDAPEST HUNGARY | B.P.O. N° 146623 | BUDAPEST 5.12.1940 | | | HIGH SCHOOL ASZOD HUNGARY | HUNGARIAN ENGLISH GERMAN | HUNGARIAN | |
| 120 326 | INFANTI | CONSTANTIN | 55 | ISTAMBUL | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | | | SALESMAN | SALESMAN 20 YEARS | ILLITERATE | GREEK | NIL | Application made for return to Turkey 27.2.49 |
| 121 327 | JACOB | GEORGES | 71 | 27.4.1878 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22656 | MADRAS 26.11.1947 | | | | | | |
| 122 328 | LUCAS | HESSIE ELISABETH ABI | 68 | DOVERCOURT 1881 N. HAMWICH ESSSEX | ATHINES GREECE | B.I.P. N° 18280 | MADRAS 14.12.1945 | OWNER SHOP KNEPNER | 35 YEARS | DOVERCOURT COLLEGE HAMWICH | FRENCH ENGLISH | FRENCH ENGLISH | Application made for return to Greece 11.10.48 |
| 123 329 | MANTON | SPIRIDION | 64 | ISTAMBUL 7.9.1886 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.P.O. N° 154702 | ISTAMBUL 22.4.1941 | PAINTER | 35 YEARS | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH ITALIAN GREEK TURKISH | FRENCH | |
| 330 | MANTON | PONTINI | 49 | ISTAMBUL 1900 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS N° 154702 | | HOUSE WIFE | | ILLITERATE | GREEK | | |

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| 129 342 | WIZZI | ANTHONY | 25 | ISTAMBUL 29.3.25 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.F. N° 22772 | MADRAS 10.12.1947 | UNDERTAKER & FLORIST | 5 YEARS | ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL 3 YEARS. FRENCH SCHOOL 4 YEARS. FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 8 YEARS | GREEK ENGLISH FRENCH TURKISH | ENGLISH FRENCH TURKISH | |
| 343 | WIZZI | ANTOINETT | 25 | FLORIANA (MALTA) 25.5.1925 | SMYRNA TURKEY | | | HOUSEWIFE | | | ENGLISH FRENCH TURKISH | ENGLISH FRENCH TURKISH | |
| 344 | WIZZI | JOAN | 11 Months | COIMBATORE, 28.9.47 (INDIA) | | FATHER'S PASS. N° 22772 | | | | | | | |
| 130 345 | WIZZI | CATHERINE | 64 | ISTAMBUL 14.4.85 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.F. N° 22827 | MADRAS 19.12.1947 | | | ELEMENTARY FRENCH SCHOOL | FRENCH ITALIAN GREEK | | Application made for their return to Turkey 5.2.49 |
| 132 350 | KEJON | JOHN GUILFORD | 55 | STOURPORT-on- SEVERN-SHROPSHIRE ENGLAND 31.5.1892 | FILOESTI ROMANIA | B.I.F. N° 34 | CALCUTTA 6. 1. 1948 | PETROLEUM ENGINEER | 3 YEARS DEMENTURED APPRENTICE CALOR ENGINEER A) WORKS, ASTON CROSS, B'HAM, ENG. 1910-1913 B) 42 YEARS 24 CLASS WARENT OFFICER ROYAL ENGIN. GREAT WAR. C) 21 YEARS OILFIELD ENG. IN EMPLOY OF THE 1914-18 ROMANIAN CONSO LIDATED OIL- FIELDS LTD 48 CANNON ST LONDON & ITS AFFILIATED C's 1914-40 D) 6 YEARS EMPLOYED BY ENGINEER IN CHIEF, BRITISH ARMY; INDIA IN THE POSITION OF A CIVILIAN GARTERED OFFICER (SULK PETROL) FIELD ENGINEER WITH BAKI (CAPTAIN) HQ CENTRAL COM- MAND. AGRA HQ. EASTERN COMMAND CALCUTTA & OHQ NEW DELHI-INDIA 1941-47 | 4 YEARS PRIVATE SCHOOL 8 YEARS SALTLEY COLLEGE, B'HAM, WARWICK- SHIRE ENGLAND 1902-1910 | ENGLISH ROMANIAN | ENGLISH ROMANIAN | |

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| 133 351 | NEWON | ALEXANDRA | 45 | TAMASHOV. 9.6.904 | PLONSTI RUMANIA | B.P.C. #889018 | BUCHAREST 15. 1. 1950 | HOUSE WIFE | NOT REFERABLE | 6 CLASSES GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL POLAND | ENGLISH POLISH RUSSIAN RUMANIAN | ENGLISH POLISH RUSSIAN RUMANIAN |
| 135 353 | PORTELLI | ANTHONY CARMELO | 26 | WALTA 11.12.923 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 122983 | SMYRNA . 25.8.41 | MOTOR MECHANIC RADIO STUDENT OF HOLLYWOOD RADIO & TELEVISION INSTITUTE LOSANGELES HOUSE WIFE | 7 YEARS MOTOR 1 YEAR RADIO | HIGH SCHOOL | ENGLISH FRENCH TURKISH GREEK | ENGLISH FRENCH TURKISH |
| 354 | PORTELLI | ANTONINETTE | 22 | SMYRNA 17.4.927 | SMYRNA TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS G. 122983 | | | | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK TURKISH | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK TURKISH |
| 136 355 | PORTELLI | OSAKELA | 67 | SMYRNA 16.7.1882 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 122982 | SMYRNA 2.8.1941 | HOUSE WIFE | | NIL | GREEK | |
| 137 356 | PORTELLI | OSTASCH | 69 | SMYRNA 6.3.980 | SMYRNA TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS # JOSEPH PORTELLI (DEAD) | | | IRRELEVANT | GREEK SCHOOL | GREEK | GREEK |
| 138 357 | PORTELLI | FRAEDISGOO | 61 | ISTAMBUL 5.10.886 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | 23.12.1948 | | 45 YEARS | ELEMENTARY FRENCH SC. | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH ITALIAN | FRENCH - TURKISH ITALIAN |
| 358 | PORTELLI | CELESTINE | 61 | ISTAMBUL 30.9.887 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS | | HOUSE WIFE | | NIL | TURKISH ARMENIAN | - |
| 359 | PORTELLI | ANTONINETTE | 39 | ISTAMBUL 12.6.900 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. 22950 | MADRAS 23.12. 47 | LADY'S DRESSMAKER | 10 YEARS | FRENCH SCHOOL ST. ESPICIT ISTAMBUL | FRENCH TURKISH GREEK | FRENCH TURKISH |
| 360 | PORTELLI | GIOVANNI | 23 | ISTAMBUL 1.3.926 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. 22938 | MADRAS 23.12.47 | SOLDIER | 1 YEAR | FRENCH SCHOOL ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL III CLASS | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK TURKISH | ENGLISH FRENCH |
| 139 361 | PORTELLI | JOHN | 43 | SMYRNA 15.4.906 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 123007 | SMYRNA 15.4.906 | | | | | |
| 362 | PORTELLI | PAOLA | 38 | SMYRNA 14.12.909 | SMYRNA TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS | | | | | | |
| 363 | PORTELLI | HILLEN | 221 | SMYRNA 3.2.928 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.I.P. 22923 | MADRAS 23.12 47 | | | | | |
| 364 | PORTELLI | ANTONINETTE | 13 | SMYRNA 19.3.36 | SMYRNA TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS | | | | | | |

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| 140 366 | PORTELLI | (JOHN) JULES | 49 | SMYRNA 10/12. 899 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 122934 | SMYRNA 30.7.41 | HAT MANUFACTURER | 35 YEARS (1st class) | ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL SMYRNA | FRENCH GREEK ITALIAN TURKISH | FRENCH GREEK | Application made for their return to Turkey 14.2.49 |
| 3666 | PORTELLI | MARY POLYCARPINE | 36 | SMYRNA 5.1.913 | SMYRNA TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS | | HOUSE WIFE | | FRENCH SISTERS OF CHARITY SCHOOL ST. FRANCIS COIMBATORE | FRENCH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| 367 | PORTELLI | GEORGE ROCCO | 11 | SMYRNA 16.8.38 | SMYRNA TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS | | IRRELEVANT | IRRELEVANT | | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| 368 | PORTELLI | JOSEPH FRANCIS | 6 | COIMBATORE 15.9.43 | | FATHER'S PASS | | | | | GREEK | | |
| 142 371 | PORTELLI | LAURENT | 62 | SMYRNA 13.8.886 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 123001 | SMYRNA 2.9.41 | ASSISTANT FIREMAN | 28 YEARS | NIL | GREEK TURKISH | NONE | |
| 142 372 | PORTELLI | HARICLIA | 61 | SMYRNA 25.2.888 | SMYRNA TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS | | HOUSE WIFE | | NIL | GREEK | | |
| 373 | PORTELLI | POLYCARPE | 27 | MALTA 22.9.922 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 122996 | SMYRNA 28.8.941 | PAINTER | | | | | |
| 143 374 | PORTELLI | LEONARD | 34 | SMYRNA 7.3.915 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 155002 | CAIRO 26.3.941 | | | | | | |
| 375 | PORTELLI | ELISABETH | 36 | SMYRNA 4.5.913 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 122981 | SMYRNA 28.8.41 | | | | | | |
| 376 | PORTELLI | PAUL | 8 | SMYRNA 19.6.41 | SMYRNA TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS 155002 | | | | | | | |
| 377 | PORTELLI | LAWRENCE | 11 | SMYRNA 8.9.938 | SMYRNA TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS | | | | | | | |
| 378 | PORTELLI | GILDA | 3 | COIMBATORE 20.1.46 | | FATHER'S PASS | | | | | | | |
| 145 389 | PORTELLI | POLICARPE | 38 | SMYRNA 21.1.918 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.I.F. 22953 | MADRAS 23.12.47 | JEWELLER | 15 YEARS | ELEMENTARY FRENCH SCHOOL | FRENCH TURKISH GREEK | FRENCH TURKISH | Application made for their return to Turkey 5.2.49 |
| 386 | PORTELLI | MARY-ROSALY | 32 | SMYRNA 29.9.917 | SMYRNA TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS | | HOUSE WIFE | | ELEMENTARY FRENCH SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK GREEK | FRENCH | |
| 387 | PORTELLI | JOSEPH | 11 | Months 19.8.47 COIMBATORE | | | | | | | | | |
| 146 388 | PORTELLI | SALVATORE ANTONY | 40 | SMYRNA 1.3.909 | JOINED THE ARMY IN SMYRNA ON 940 RELEASED IN INDIA ON 1946 | B.P.C. 1155 | SMYRNA 6.11.39 | GEN. FITTER & PAINTING CONTRACTOR | 10 YEARS THE FORMER 8 YEARS THE LATTER | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH FRENCH ITALIAN GREEK TURKISH | ENGLISH FRENCH ITALIAN GREEK TURKISH | |
| 389 | PORTELLI | ZOE | 37 | ISTANBUL 15.3.1913 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. 122992 | SMYRNA 28.8.41 | HOUSE WIFE | | GREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH TURKISH | | |
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| 147 390 | PORTELLI | SALVATORE | 45 | SMYRNA 15.3.904 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.I.P. 1195 | SMYRNA 6.11.39 | FETTER | 18 YEARS | ELEMENTARY FRENCH SCHOOL | FRENCH ITALIAN GREEK TURKISH | FRENCH ITALIAN | |
| 147 391 | PORTELLI | MARY | 42 | SMYRNA 1907 | SMYRNA TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS | | HOUSE WIFE | | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH ITALIAN GREEK | FRENCH | |
| 392 | PORTELLI | GEORGES | 20 | SMYRNA 13.4.929 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.I.P. 22944 | MADRAS 24.12 47 | APPRENTICE MECHANIC | | ITALIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. | ITALIAN ENGLISH GREEK | ITALIAN | |
| 393 | PORTELLI | ERNESTINE | 17 | SMYRNA 11.9.32 | SMYRNA TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS | | STUDENT | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| 394 | PORTELLI | DOMENICO | 14 | SMYRNA 15.8.39 | SMYRNA TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS | | STUDENT | | CAMP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| 395 | PORTELLI | ROSE | 13 | SMYRNA 8.5.37 | SMYRNA TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS | | SCHOOL GIRL | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| 396 | PORTELLI | MARY | 11 | SMYRNA 18.4.38 | SMYRNA TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS | | SCHOOL GIRL | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH | |
| 397 | PORTELLI | CONCETTA | 25 | COIMBATORE 7.6.1947 | | FATHER'S PASS | | | | | | | |
| 148 398 | PORTELLI | ERNESTINE | 36 | SMYRNA | SMYRNA TURKEY | | | HOUSE WIFE | IRRELEVANT | FRENCH SISTERS OF CHARITY | GREEK | STONE BLIND | APPLICATION made for her return to Turkey 14.2.49 |
| 143 399 | PORTER | EPHRAIM | 43 | CORFU GROUCH 27.9.1906 | CORFU GROUCH | B.I.P. 19963 | MADRAS 20.10.1947 | SHOEMAKER SHOP OWNER | 18 YEARS | GREEK LYCERUM CORFU | GREEK ENGLISH | GREEK ENGLISH | |

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| 190 401 | PULLICINO | DOMENICA T. (LANZA) | 61 | SMYRNA 15.6.887 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C.N. 122958 | SMYRNA 13.8.1941 | HOUSEWIFE | | ITALIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ITALIAN GREEK TURKISH | ITALIAN | |
| 402 | PULLICINO | GREGORY JOHN | 34 | SMYRNA 1.6.915 | " " | B.P.C.N. 122960 | SMYRNA 13.8.1941 | HOUSE PAINTER | 3 YEARS | ITALIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ITALIAN GREEK SLIGHTLY ENGLISH | ITALIAN TURKISH | |
| 403 | PULLICINO | MARY | 41 | SMYRNA 12.9.1908 | " " | B.P.C.N. 122959 | SMYRNA 13.8.1941 | DRESS MAKER | 6 YEARS | ITALIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ITALIAN GREEK ENGLISH | ITALIAN | |
| 121 404 | PELLEGRINI | ANASTASE | 27 | ISTAMBUL 12.10.922 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N. 22351 | MADRAS 20.10.1947 | | | | | | |
| 405 | PELLEGRINI | FEDERINANDA | 26 | ISTAMBUL 22.6.923 | " " | HUSBAND'S PASS. N. 22351 | | | | | | | |
| 406 | PELLEGRINI | LOUIS | 19 | COIMBATORE INDIA 29.9.1946 | | FATHER'S PASS. N. 22351 | | | | | | | |
| 406 122 | BABY | | 4 months | MAI HABAR | | | | | | | | | |
| 407 | PELLEGRINI | FRANCOIS | 50 | ISTAMBUL 14.2.1898 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | F.I.P. N. 222911 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | PRINTER | OTTOMAN BANK 8 YEARS | FRENCH SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH | FRENCH TURKISH | Application made for their return to Turkey 19.2.49. |
| 408 | PELLEGRINI | TAKOUY (DOMICHIAN) | 43 | ISTAMBUL 18.5.1906 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N. 222911 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | DRESS MAKER | FRENCH SCHOOL | FRENCH SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK TURKISH | FRENCH TURKISH | |
| 409 | PELLEGRINI | HENRY | 25 | ISTAMBUL 10.9.1924 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N. 222912 | MADRAS 23.12.1947 | CLERK-STENO- TYPIST | CAMP OFFICE COIMBATORE 2 YEARS | HIGH SCHOOL | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK TURKISH ITALIAN | ENGLISH FRENCH | |
| 193 410 | PELLEGRINI | GIOVANNI N. | 58 | ISTAMBUL 30.12.1891 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N. 222877 | MADRAS 22.12.1947 | MECHANIC FITTER | 20 YEARS | ELEMENTARY | GREEK ITALIAN TURKISH FRENCH | ITALIAN TURKISH FRENCH | |
| 411 | PELLEGRINI | CONNELIA (HASCHEPOPOUL) | 45 | ISTAMBUL 8.9.1904 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS N. 22877 | | HOUSEWIFE | | N I L | GREEK TURKISH | | |
| 412 | PELLEGRINI | DEMETRIUS R. | 23 | ISTAMBUL 6.2.1926 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.O.P. N. 22879 | MADRAS 22.12.1947 | DRIVER MECHANIC | (2nd Class) | ELEMENTARY | ENGLISH GREEK ITALIAN TURKISH | ENGLISH ITALIAN TURKISH ITALIAN | |
| 413 | PELLEGRINI | MICHAEL F. | 18 | ISTAMBUL 12.12.1931 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N. 22878 | MADRAS 22.12.1947 | STUDENT | | ELEMENTARY | ENGLISH GREEK ITALIAN TURKISH | ENGLISH ITALIAN | |
| 414 | PELLEGRINI | DOMENICA | 7 | SATARA INDIA 19.4.1942 | | FATHER'S PASS N. 22877 | | SCHOOL GIRL | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | LITTLE ENGLISH | | |
| 415 | PELLEGRINI | FRANCESCA | 7 | SATARA INDIA 19.4.1942 | | FATHER'S PASS N. 22877 | | SCHOOL GIRL | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | GREEK LITTLE ENGLISH | | |
| 194 416 | PELLEGRINI | SPIRIDION | 60 | ISTAMBUL 8.8.889 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.P.C. 156152 | CAIRO 1.11.941 | | | | | | |
| 417 | PELLEGRINI | MALVINA | 48 | " 1901 | " " | HUSBAND'S PASS. N. C. 156152 | | | | | | | |
| 418 | PELLEGRINI | JOSEPHINE | 20 | ISTAMBUL 28.8.28 | " " | B.I.P. 22801 | MADRAS 18.12.47 | | | | | | |
| 419 | PELLEGRINI | ANTHONY | 9 | ISTAMBUL 3.9.940 | " " | FATHER'S PASS. C. 156152 | | | | | | | |
| 195 420 | PELLEGRINI | VITTORIO | 49 | ISTAMBUL 12.3.901 | " " | B.I.P. 22894 | MADRAS 23.12.47 | PRESSMAN PRINTER | 32 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENT. SCHOOL | ENGLISH TURKISH FRENCH ITALIAN | ALL ABOVE | Application made for their return to Turkey 14.3.49 |
| 421 | PELLEGRINI | MARY (TARTARE) | 43 | ISTAMBUL 1906 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS. 22894 | | HOUSEWIFE | | GREEK ELEMENT. SCHOOL | GREEK TURKISH FRENCH ITALIAN | TURKISH | |
| 422 | PELLEGRINI | PAULINA A. | 23 | " 21.7.1926 | " " | B.I.P. N. 22885 | MADRAS 23.12.47 | EMBROIDERER | | FRENCH ELEMENT. | GREEK TURKISH ENGLISH | ENGLISH | |

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| 122 | PELLEGRINI | PAULINA A | 23 | ISTAMBUL , 21.7.1926 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22885 | MADRAS 23.12.47 | EMBROIDERED | | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | ENGLISH FRENCH | |
| 423 | PELLEGRINI | ANASTASS S | 21 | ISTAMBUL , 30.9.1928 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22896 | MADRAS 23.12.47 | THRESHOLD IN ENGLISH & FRENCH APPRENTICE BOOK KEEPER | | SENIOR CAMBRIDGE AT STANES SCHOOL BOITABATH | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | ENGLISH FRENCH | |
| 424 | PELLEGRINI | GEORGE | 18 | ISTAMBUL , 30.6.1911 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22897 | MADRAS 23.12.47 | CLERK TYPIST & SHORT HAND BEGINNER | APPRENTICE | APPRENTICE CAMP FRENCH GREEK | FRENCH GREEK | FRENCH GREEK | |
| 425 | PELLEGRINI | ANTHONY S. | 9 | ISTAMBUL , 18.5.1940 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | FATHER'S PASS 22894 | | SCHOOL BOY | | CAMP FRENCH GREEK | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH GREEK | |
| 426 | PELLEGRINI | SALVATORE | 7 | BATARA INDIA 5.5.1942 | | FATHER'S PASS 22894 | | SCHOOL BOY | | CAMP ELEMENTARY | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH GREEK | |
| 157 428 | REDITH | SPIRIDION | 54 | ATHENS 28.11.1896 | ATHENS GREECE | B.P.C. N° 155218 | CAIRO 6.5.1941 | CLERK GOVT. SERVANT | 17 YEARS BRITISH EDUCATION ATHENS | GREEK HIGH SCHOOL | GREEK FRENCH ITALIAN ENGLISH | GREEK FRENCH ITALIAN SLIGHTLY | Applicated made & approved for return to Greece 24.1.49. visa is awaited |
| 429 | REDITH | IRENE (PUNDIA) | 47 | PATRAS 25.6.1903 | ATHENS GREECE | HUSBAND'S PASS 155218 | | LADY DRESS MAKER | | ELEMENTARY | GREEK | GREEK | |
| 430 | REDITH | NICOLAS | 9 | ATHENS 14.3.1941 | ATHENS GREECE | FATHER'S PASS 155218 | | SCHOOL BOY | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH | ENGLISH | |
| 158 431 | RIDDLE | MARY | 72 | MYRNA 6.11.1876 | ATHENS GREECE | BRITISH INDIAN N° 22932 | MADRAS INDIAN 23.12.1947 | HOUSE WIFE | | IRRELEVANT | GRADUATE HOMOION GREEK SO. MYRNA | GREEK ENGLISH FRENCH | Application made for repatriation to U.K. 14.3.41 |
| 432 | RIDDLE | ELSIE MAY | 45 | MYRNA 23.8.1904 | ATHENS GREECE | BRITISH INDIAN N° 22931 | MADRAS 23.12.47 | IRRELEVANT | IRRELEVANT | MYRNA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK FRENCH | ENGLISH GREEK | |
| 160 438 | SAID | ALFONSE | 41 | ISTAMBUL 5.9.1908 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22909 | MADRAS 23.12.47 | BUTLE R | 2 YEARS | ELEMENTARY | FRENCH ENGLISH GREEK | FRENCH ENGLISH GREEK | |
| 161 439 | SALISA | ALEXANDRIA (LEBA) | 54 | ISTAMBUL 1894 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22940 | MADRAS 23.10.47 | | | ILLITERATED | GREEK | GREEK | |
| 440 | SALISA | PAUL | 32 | ISTAMBUL 1.11.1917 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.P.C. N° 154743 | ISTAMBUL 25.4.41 | MOTOR MECHANIC | 3 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH TURKISH GREEK ITALIAN ENGLISH | FRENCH TURKISH | |
| 162 441 | SAMUT | ANTOINE | 55 | ISTAMBUL 14.11.1894 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22875 | MADRAS 23.12.47 | HOUSE PAINTER | 10 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK MALTESE FRENCH | GREEK TURKISH | |

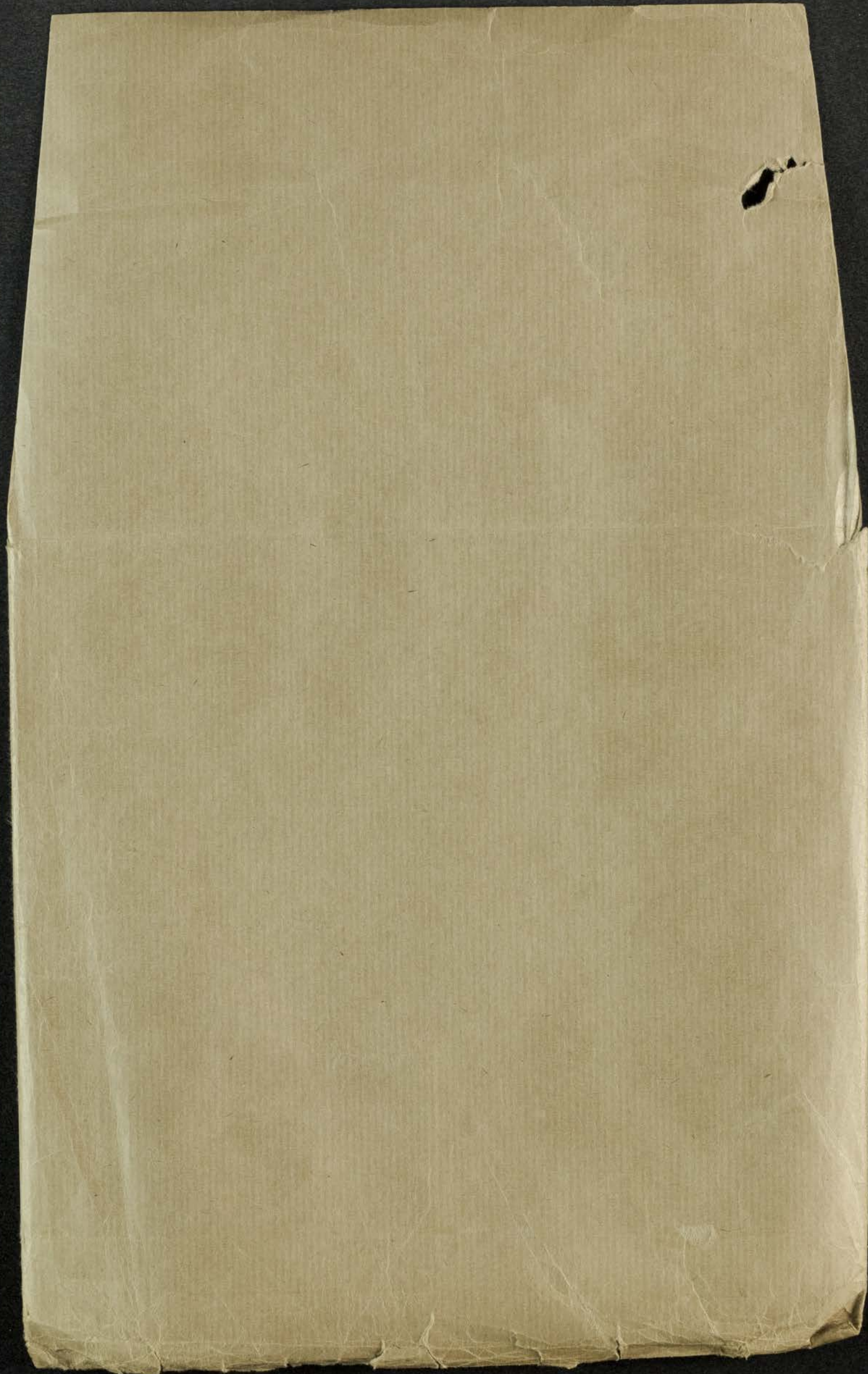
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| 193 513A | VELLA | SPIRIDION CHARLES FRANCIS | 38 | SMYRNA 6.1.1911 COIMBATORE 25.3.1944 | FATHER'S PASS N° 123016 | | | | | | | | |
| 513 | VELLA | JOEL JOHN | 4 | COIMBATORE 15.10.45 | FATHER'S PASS | | | | | | | | |
| 514 | VELLA | JOSEPHINE MARIE A. | 9 | COIMBATORE 15.11.47 | FATHER'S PASS | | | | | | | | |
| 194 516 | VELLA | GIOVANNI | 52 | ISTANBUL 10.11.895 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 223655 | MADRAS 20.10.1947 | PRINTER MECHANIC | 20 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK MALTESE TURKISH GREEK | - | |
| 517 | VELLA | CATHERINE | 48 | ISTANBUL 1901 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS | | HOUSE WIFE | | ELEMENTARY | GREEK - TURKISH - | - | |
| 195 518 | VELLA | HELEN | 53 | ISTANBUL 21.5.1894 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22788 | MADRAS 15.12.1947 | HOUSE WIFE | | IRRAILEVANT | GREEK - | - | |
| 519 | VELLA | VINGENT | 23 | ISTANBUL 20.8.1926 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22789 | MADRAS 15.12.1947 | MOTOR MECHANIC DRIVER | 3 YEARS | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH FRENCH - GREEK - | ENGLISH - | |
| 520 | VELLA | ANTONINETT PAULINE | 28 | ISTANBUL 10.6.1921 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22790 | MADRAS 15.12.1947 | DRESSMAKER | 4 YEARS | ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | ENGLISH FRENCH - GREEK - | ENGLISH FRENCH - | |
| 521 | VELLA | PARNY RIGARDA | 20 | ISTANBUL 15.12.929 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22701 | MADRAS 15.12.1947 | SEWSTERSS | | MIDDLE SCHOOL | ENGLISH FRENCH - GREEK - | ENGLISH FRENCH - | |
| 196 522 | VELLA | NICHOLAS | 47 | CORFU 19.8.1902 | ATHINES GRECE | B.F.C. N° 155505 | CAIRO 21.6.1941 | MERCHANT (DEALING IN COOKING OILS) | FOR OVER 25 YEARS IN GRECE (1st.class) | GREEK TUITION RECEIVED IN CORFU GHIOR-GHIOU TSOURI GYMNASIUM | GREEK GREEK | - | |
| 197 523 | VELLA | GEORGES | 22 | ISTANBUL 23.4.1927 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22853 | MADRAS 20.12.1947 | DRIVER MECHANIC | 2 YEARS | ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL ISTANBUL | ENGLISH FRENCH - FRENCH TURKISH - | ENGLISH FRENCH - TURKISH - | |
| 524 | VELLA | MADRIENE | 22 | SMYRNA 27.5.1927 | SMYRNA TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS | | HOUSE WIFE | | ELEMENTARY FRENCH | FRENCH ITALIAN ENGLISH | - | |
| 525 | VELLA | MARCUS | 18 | COIMBATORE 25.5.47 | | FATHER'S PASS | | | | | | - | |
| 198 526 | VELLA | SALVATORE | 53 | ISTANBUL 11.11.896 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22851 | MADRAS 20.12.1947 | FITTER | 20 YEARS | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK - TURKISH - | FRENCH - | |
| 527 | VELLA | HORTENCE | 49 | ISTANBUL 12.2.1900 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | HUSBAND'S PASS | | HOUSE WIFE | | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK - TURKISH - | FRENCH - | |
| 528 | VELLA | MARGARET | 18 | ISTANBUL 21.2.1931 | ISTANBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22852 | MADRAS 20.12.1947 | | | CAMP EMERGECBY SCHOOL | GREEK ENGLISH - GREEK - | ENGLISH - | |

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| 201 535 | WILTSHIRE | GEORGES ROBERT | 43 | ISTAMBUL 15.11.906 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22708 | MADRAS 29.11.1947 | HOUSE PAINTER | 25 YEARS | NIL | TURKISH GREEK | NIL NIL | Application made for his repatriation to U.K. |
| 202 536 | WILSON | HAROLD VINCENT | 60 | MANCHESTER 28.1.89 | BUCHAREST ROMANIA | B.P.C. N° 87963 | BUCHAREST 26.8.1939 | ASSISTANT STORE KEMPER OILWELLS ROMANIA 11 YEARS AS GEN. CLERK SOC. SIRMUS ROMANIA 9 YEARS AS SOC. DACIA ROMANIA | | NORMAL | ENGLISH ROMANIAN | ENGLISH ROMANIAN | |
| 203 537 | SULLIVAN | NICHELINA | 53 | ISTAMBUL 2.8.1896 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22916 | MADRAS 28.11.1947 | HOUSE WIFE | | ILLITERATE | GREEK TURKISH | NIL | |
| 538 | SULLIVAN | MICHAEL | 17 | ISTAMBUL 19.8.932 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | MOTHER'S PASS | | SCHOOL BOY | | ENGLISH SC. | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH GREEK | |
| 539 | SULLIVAN | PATRIK | 14 | ISTAMBUL 15.2.1935 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | MOTHER'S PASS | | SCHOOL BOY | | AGRA INDIA SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK | ENGLISH GREEK | |
| 205 541 | ZAMUT | GEORGES | 60 | COEPU GREECE 13.3.1889 | ATHENES GREECE | B.I.P. N° 20710 | MADRAS 16.7.1947 | HOTEL MANAGER | 20 YEARS | GREEK HIGH SCHOOL (GRADUATE) | GREEK FRENCH ITALIAN ENGLISH | GREEK FRENCH ITALIAN ENGLISH | |
| 206 542 | WORSLEY | NINA | 47 | 11.4.902 | | B.I.P. N° 125302 | BOMBAY 6.10.1941 | | | | | | |
| 543 | WORSLEY | DOUGLAS | 19 | | | B.I.P. N° 18570 | MADRAS 24.5.1946 | | | | | | |
| 544 | WORSLEY | OLGA | 24 | | | B.P.C. N° 125507 | BIRMINGHAM 11.12.1932 | | | | | | |
| 207 545 | CILIA | PASQUALE | 63 | SMYRNA 17.10.1886 | SMYRNA TURKEY | B.P.C. N° 122913 | MADRAS 12.6.1941 | PAINTER | 25 YEARS | IRRELEVANT | GREEK TURKISH | NONE | Wish to join their son in Australia |
| 546 | CILIA | MARY | 56 | SMYRNA 1893 | SMYRNA TURKEY | | | HOUSE WIFE | | FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | FRENCH GREEK ENGLISH | FRENCH GREEK | |
| 208 547 | ELIUD | EMANUEL | 28 | MALTA 2.10.1929 | ISMIER TURKEY | B.I.P. N° 22947 | MADRAS 26.12.1947 | NIL | | ELEMENTARY FRENCH SC. SMYRNA CAMP SC. COIMBATORE | ENGLISH FRENCH GREEK | ENGLISH FRENCH H | |
| 209 548 | CALLEYA | JOHN | 24 | ISTAMBUL 1.3.1925 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | | | MOTOR MECHANIC | 5 YEARS | ANGLO-FRENCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | GREEK ENGLISH FRENCH | ENGLISH FRENCH | |
| 549 | CALLEYA | ANNA | 16 | ISTAMBUL 6.8.1933 | ISTAMBUL TURKEY | | | HOUSE WIFE | | CAMP EMERGENCY SCHOOL | ENGLISH GREEK TURKISH | ENGLISH GREEK TURKISH | |



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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

Cypher (O.T.F.)

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FROM CYPRUS (O.A.G.)

D. 16th April 1949.

R. 16th " " 11.05 hrs.



No.255. Confidential.

49. Your telegram No.248.

Maltese.

I confirm as in (a) and (b) of your paragraph 5. Representative is due to return from Eritrea on 28th April. I will consider terms of later publicity and address you in due course.

Copies sent to:-

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| Foreign Office | - Mr.K.G.Ritchie |
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| Treasury | - Miss G.W.Church |
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TREASURY CHAMBERS,
GREAT GEORGE STREET,
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13th April, 1949

Dear Miss Fisher,

44. In your letter of the 4th April, you raised the question whether the Maltese from Eritrea should be put into one of the Cyprus camps.

While it is undoubtedly true, as put forward by Miss Church at a recent meeting, that to place one or more of the Jewish camps at the disposal of the Cyprus Government for the use of these Maltese from Eritrea would be seized upon as a debating point in negotiations with the Israeli Government, on the other hand, the whole question of the Jewish illegal immigrants' camps is a very sore one with the Israelis and we can expect, with or without the occupation by the Maltese from Eritrea of one or more of the camps, very strong representations against meeting the cost incurred. I do not think, therefore, that accommodating the Maltese in one or more of the camps would add to the difficulties which are inherent in this matter.

The camp occupied by the British Administrative Staff, which is the one required by Cyprus, has no other claimants, I understand. We are prepared, therefore, to agree that this particular camp may be used for the purpose of accommodating the Maltese from Eritrea.

In the penultimate paragraph of your letter you raise the question of the financial aspect of using this particular camp for the purpose of accommodating the Maltese. As you say, the

Miss M.L.S. Fisher,
Colonial Office.

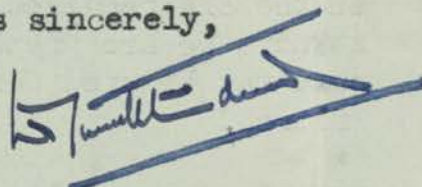
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cost arising from this policy of putting the Maltese in Cyprus falls to be met by H.M.G.; equally so, there is an obligation to wind up the affairs of the Palestine Government and as there is an interest in the residual value of these camps as an asset of the former Palestine Government, it will be necessary to make arrangements that the funds of the former Palestine Government do not suffer in consequence of the Maltese occupying one of the camps. I have discussed this aspect of the matter with Nicklin and told him that I would be prepared to accept that H.M.G. would be responsible for the amount of the residual value of the camp in question - it would undoubtedly be much cheaper than setting up a new camp - but in view of the highly controversial nature of this question of the cost of the Cyprus camps, there is the possibility that H.M.G. may have to bear a portion of this cost. Should this turn out to be the case, in the event, then we could no doubt make a suitable adjustment in the account to deal with H.M.G.'s liability for the camp now about to be occupied.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Russell Edmunds', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

W. Russell Edmunds

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Mr. *J.P. Russell*

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Your telegram No. 199 and despatch No. 49 both confidential.

Maltese.

I am most sensible of helpful and patriotic manner in which the Cyprus Government have approached this particularly thorny problem. I can assure you that the misgivings which you have expressed have not been underestimated here.

2. The various points you raise have been further examined and I am now able to give you the following assurances:

(a) It is the case that no (repeat no) alternative method of disposing of the persons can be found. It seems possible that the decision on Eritrea will be taken in the near future and certain that whatever this decision is it will involve ~~termination~~ *administration* relinquishment of British control. Therefore I regard it as necessary that they should be moved as soon as possible.

(b) Party has already been whittled down much on lines you suggest in para. 13 of your despatch. If it turns out after admission

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to Cyprus that any remain who are eligible for e.g. Australia, they will be treated on same basis as Maltese in Egypt and helped to get off. Similarly, if any have prospects of settling in the United Kingdom or elsewhere each case will be examined here with a view to giving necessary assistance.

- (c) Question whether any first generation Maltese are included is being investigated. These as you say ^{would} ~~could~~ be eligible for ^{repatriation} ~~repatriated~~ to Malta. Possibility that some may be aliens is also being checked. ^{United Kingdom} ~~Imperial~~ Government will accept unconditional financial responsibility for all (repeat all) members of party for their lifetime. (as long as they stay in Cyprus) I hope however that you will be able to regard any descendants ^{as being on the same footing} born in Cyprus ~~as any other native of the~~ Colony.

Guarantee at (d) above covers provision ^{education and} ~~of any special training not available to~~ ^{and suggestion in paragraph 7 (e) of my} ~~despatch No. 41 that Cyprus Government should share cost of this~~ Cypriots if such provision is made. ^I ~~is withdrawn.~~

note that Maltese would not be ineligible for training available in first instance for Cypriots and hope that in practice you would for instance be able e.g. to let children enter local schools.

(d) above also implies that ^{decisions} ~~questions~~ of ^{employment} ~~employability~~ and ^{after assimilation} ~~absorbability~~ are left to your judgment.

As regards camps, I have now no objection to use of that occupied by British administrative staff of Jewish camps if this is the simplest solution.

4. Your telegram, para. 3. I agree no immediate publicity is called for. ~~I am prepared to leave question of an announcement to you after representative of Cyprus Government has discussed problem in Eritrea.~~

5. I should be grateful if, in the light of the above, you would confirm (a) that Cyprus Government are willing to admit the party (b) that arrangements for their transfer from Eritrea may be put in hand without further delay after return of your representative from Eritrea.

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COLONIAL OFFICE,
THE CHURCH HOUSE,
GREAT SMITH STREET,
S.W. 1

89024/3/49

11th April, 1949.

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Dear Ritchie,

I enclose a draft telegram to the Acting Governor of Cyprus about the transfer of the Maltese in Eritrea to Cyprus, the lines of which were agreed at the meeting here last week. I will be very grateful if you would telephone any comments to me if possible before Easter on WHitchall 2366, Extension 168.

I am copying this to Miss Mills, and Miss Church, at the Treasury, and Miss Butler, Administration of African Territories, for their concurrence.

Signed O.E.S. Lloyd.

K.G. RITCHIE, ESQ.,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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THE CHURCH HOUSE,
GREAT SMITH STREET,
S.W. 1.

4th April, 1949.

Ans'd. by (54)

Dear Colonel Edmunds,

We seemed to have our lines crossed about the question whether the Maltese from Eritrea should be put into one of the Cyprus Camps.

(20) I gather that at a meeting (at which I was not present) to discuss the settlement of this party Miss Church suggested that to place one or more of the Jewish Camps at the disposal of the Maltese might prejudice forthcoming negotiations with the Israeli Government. This point was made in paragraph 7 (b) of the Secretary of State's despatch No. 41 of the 2nd March copied to you.

Meanwhile you and Mr. Micklin have been in touch with the Commissioner for Jewish Camps about their disposal and have apparently raised no objection to the sale of one or more of them to the Cyprus Government. It now appears that the Cyprus Government are interested only if the camps are available for the Maltese. In other words if we say that the camps are not to be so used there is one customer the less.

I enclose a copy of the Governor's telegram No. 176 Secret and of paragraph 14 of a recent despatch from the Acting Governor which deals with this point.

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LIEUT. COLONEL RUSSELL EDMUNDS,
TREASURY.

I am not, as you know, an authority on the financial aspect of the camps question; but I take it that if authority is given to put the Maltese into one of the camps it will mean reimbursing the Palestine account from whatever imperial vote is concerned. From the camps point of view, therefore, the Cyprus Government cannot apparently be regarded as a genuine purchaser but only as an agent for H.M.G.

Would you let us know as soon as possible what we are to tell the Acting Governor about this.

Mr. Nicklin has seen this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Extract from Despatch from Cyprus to
the Secretary of State for the Colonies
dated 29th March 1949. No. 49. Confidential.

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14. In the meantime, I have arranged for an officer of this Government to visit Eritrea early in April, ostensibly on casual leave. Detailed arrangements must await his return and to some extent will depend upon your reply to this despatch. In the meanwhile, however, preliminary examination of the problems involved convinces me that in the early stages at least a reception camp will be required. None is available except by using one of the sites recently occupied by the British administration staff of the Jewish camps and in this connexion I have referred to paragraph 7(b) of your despatch in my secret telegram No. 176. The decision whether to build a new camp will depend on the reply to my telegram; on the time available before the transfer, since to build a new camp will take time; and on the plans for the future settlement of the party in the light of the detailed information obtained in Eritrea. Since, however, the provision of housing will initially be the most important problem and will require an early decision, I should be grateful for any indication which you may be in a position to give as to whether the subsequent use of the Jewish camps for British subjects is considered to be so undesirable as to justify the considerably increased expenditure on, and the delay in providing, a reception centre.

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No. 49



GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NICOSIA, 29 MARCH, 1949.

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Sir,

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(20) I have the honour to refer to your confidential despatch No. 41 of the 2nd of March, 1949, regarding the proposal to settle in Cyprus certain displaced persons of Maltese origin now temporarily accommodated in Eritrea.

(42) 2. I have already informed you, in my telegram No. 199 confidential of the 17th of March, that it was the opinion of Executive Council that the consent of this Government to the proposal should not, in the last resort, be denied if, despite the representations which I now make, it proves impossible to arrange for the accommodation elsewhere of the persons concerned. The final recorded opinion was in these terms

"that, while the opinion of Government had already
"been made clear to the Secretary of State, it was
"now the general view that Government should, with
"great reluctance in the light of its existing
"responsibilities, accept, in principle, responsi-
"bility for the Maltese refugees now in Eritrea, who
"could not return to Malta, if it became clear that
"they could not remain in Eritrea. Such acceptance
"would only be on terms which left no doubt as to
"where financial responsibility for the refugees
"would lie. If the Secretary of State was faced
"with the unavoidable necessity of withdrawing them
"from Eritrea, and could find no other territory to
"which they might be sent, this Government should
"give its best assistance on its own terms. "

I recognise the reluctance with which you yourself have advanced the request, and your despatch disclosed to members of Council both the great difficulties with

The Honourable,
ARTHUR CREECH JONES, M.P.,
Secretary of State for the Colonies.

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which you have been faced in seeking a solution of the problem, and the consideration you have been anxious to give to the interests of Cyprus in requesting the assumption of an entirely undesirable responsibility, but your despatch also suggested the unlikelihood of any course other than ultimately to require the accommodation of these persons in Cyprus being open to you, and I think it right to say that the reluctant, and qualified, consent that has been given was dictated almost solely by apprehension of the political embarrassment which would be caused, particularly to local members of Council, by a decision to send the Maltese to Cyprus without the consent of this Government. I have no doubt that consent would not have been forthcoming had the constitution of the Island required the proposal to be put before a popularly elected body, a circumstance which makes sufficiently obvious the criticisms that will be attracted to this Government by the accommodation of these persons in Cyprus rather than in Malta.

3. You refer in your despatch to your agreement that, so long as the Jewish illegal immigrants remained in Cyprus, you would not press for the admittance of the Maltese. I trust, however, that you are under no misconception that the local reaction to their permanent accommodation will not be greater than that evinced to the introduction of the Jews for a limited period. It was always self-evident that the Jews had no desire to remain in Cyprus; they were legally detained in guarded camps; and they did not compete with Cypriots for employment or land, nor, to any very great extent, in any other field. The Maltese will be seen as sponsored alien invaders, subject to no special form of control, when trade recession makes the threat of unemployment a serious anxiety to many workers. At a time when I am doing everything possible to undo the harm caused by years of denying the Greekness of Greek Cypriots, the intrusion of the Maltese will be represented as a deliberate attempt to weaken the Greek character of the Island, and these complaints will not be one whit lessened by the fact that the

numbers of the Maltese involved are insufficient to have any sensible effect upon either the labour market or the racial strain. Critics who would be eager to seize upon any expenditure by this Government upon the Maltese would also be extremely jealous of any facilities accorded to them by His Majesty's Government which are not also available to Cypriots. Finally, I assume that most of the Maltese are of the Roman Catholic religion, an allegiance which will render them unacceptable to the leaders of the Greek Orthodox Church.

4. Objection to the proposal would be less extreme if accommodation were intended to be temporary but, as I have already reported to you, I held out no hope to Executive Council that you would be prepared to abandon your purpose of finding a permanent home for the Maltese. But I am quite unable to share your hope that they will be at all readily assimilated by the local population. Whatever may have been the case in the distant past, both Greeks and Turks have for a long time shown very great resistance to the assimilation of immigrants even when their character and resources have been infinitely more attractive than those of the Maltese. Armenians and Maronites, although they have been in the Island for many generations, remain self-contained minorities still regarded as foreigners. It is undoubtedly possible to find here a place where the majority of the Maltese can exist on relief allowances, and it may also be possible for a limited number to find employment, but that they should merge their racial identity in that of the local population is a possibility which I can only regard as highly unlikely.

5. It was such matters as these that it was the wish of Executive Council you should have in mind before proceeding to any final decision to transfer the Maltese to Cyprus.

6. The Council took note of the statement that

Cyprus had been asked to accept what is described as the "hard core" of the Maltese. The views I have expressed above on behalf of the Council make it clearly desirable that in any event no more than the hard core should come to Cyprus. Yet when their transfer from India to Eritrea first came to notice I was given to understand that 450 were moved, whereas now 520 remain. I understand that no more information is available to yourself as to individuals included in the party than is as yet mine, and it is possible that the individual examination now being undertaken will admit of the possibility of certain of them being disposed of elsewhere. The Council would welcome confirmation that the possibility of dispersing the party in several territories has been examined and discarded for good reason. It is noted, for instance, that the Malta Government undertakes liability for persons of Maltese extraction abroad provided they are of the first generation. If any of the persons now in Eritrea prove to be children, in the first generation, of original emigrants from Malta, it is hoped that they will be returned to Malta. Further, it is stated that considerable numbers of them will perforce continue to receive relief payments throughout their lives, and it is suggested that such payments could be made with equal facility in other territories. In so far as housing presents a problem in Malta, I would remind you that the same problem exists here in only less degree, whereas here no conceivable responsibility exists towards the Maltese.

7. In its desire to fend off an evil day, the Council further asked that no transfer should be set in motion until a decision as to the future of Eritrea made the continued accommodation of the Maltese in that territory impossible and that, meanwhile, no publicity should be given to the proposal to move them to Cyprus. I assume that the fact that their ultimate accommodation in Cyprus is a possibility will save His Majesty's

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Government from any embarrassment in the course of negotiations in the United Nations, since an announcement would always be possible if it became essential. The decision to keep the proposal secret need in no way delay the undertaking of preliminary arrangements to enable the transfer to Cyprus of those of the hard core whose accommodation here proves inevitable.

9. The following paragraphs of this despatch relate to the financial arrangements which would be necessary in the event of accommodation being provided in Cyprus. It is my duty to make it quite clear that it was the view of Council that no conceivable advantage could accrue to Cyprus from the acceptance of these people such as would justify the admission of any qualification whatsoever to the guarantee by His Majesty's Government that no charge will fall upon Cyprus funds. I recognise that you have already declared your acceptance of this principle and if the attitude of Council is thought to be unduly suspicious or exacting, I can only remind you of the difficulties experienced by this Government in connexion with other refugees such as the family of the Mar Shimun.

10. In paragraphs 7 and 8 of your despatch, in which the kind of responsibility which His Majesty's Government are prepared to accept is set out, three apparent qualifications do appear. The first, at paragraph 7(d), which is repeated at the end of paragraph 10, requires this Government to undertake to make every effort to absorb the employables. On the face of it there is nothing unreasonable in this, once it has been decided that the party is to be admitted, and this Government would certainly lend its best endeavours to achieve the purpose, but experience forces me to suggest that at some future date, when the difficulty of finding a home for these people has vanished, the financial responsibility may not be accepted so readily as it is now. Therefore, while I am prepared to promise that this Government will do its utmost to absorb the employables, I consider

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2 that this Government should remain the sole judge of the authenticity of its efforts and of what persons are in fact employable. Subject to that promise, I must ask that the assurance that maintenance and relief will remain the financial responsibility of His Majesty's Government should be given without imposing any condition. Further, I must ask for an explicit assurance that no such principle as was suggested in connexion with the younger generation of the Mar Shimun family, requiring a Colonial Government to be responsible for the maintenance of destitute British subjects in its own territory, should be invoked at any time in connexion with the Maltese.

3 11. The second qualification appears at paragraph 7(e) where it is suggested that the Cyprus Government should relieve His Majesty's Government to some extent of the cost of the education and training of the younger members of the party. The suggestion is made on the doubtful assumption that these young people will eventually become an asset to the economy of the Island but, apart from any disagreement with the validity of that argument, I could not agree to meet from Cyprus funds even part of the cost of any form of training which was not also available to the Cypriot population. That does not mean that the Maltese would be ineligible for training provided in the first instance for Cypriots, but again I could give no precise undertaking that any such facilities would be available.

12. The third qualification to which I must raise objection is at paragraph 8 where you ask me to agree that, in the event of any Maltese being continuously employed for some three years and then becoming destitute, he should no longer be entitled to receive financial assistance from His Majesty's Government. The proposal is made that he should be treated on the same footing as an ordinary unemployed Cypriot and that he should receive only such relief as may be generally payable to the unemployed in Cyprus. Unemployment relief is not paid in Cyprus but those who find

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themselves without work do not become destitute because they are able to fall back on the assistance which their families and friends can give; and in a country of small peasant proprietors very few are ever completely dependent on paid employment. The Maltese on the other hand would have no land and no families able to assist them. Moreover, if it became known, as would be inevitable, that three years' continuous employment operated to extinguish relief benefits, it is highly probable that individual Maltese would evade their extinction by ensuring that employment did not continue without a break for that period. In support of the argument that relief payments should cease after a man has received training and found continuous employment for a certain period, you suggest that to recommence the payment of relief allowances might excite criticism from Cypriots who would consider that the Maltese were being specially favoured. I have already referred to the jealousy likely to be evoked by such special consideration, but I associated it with the contrary resentment against the expenditure upon these people of local funds. In this instance I am quite certain that the latter feeling would be greater. I can only suggest that it should be left to the Cyprus Government to determine when a particular Maltese might be regarded as having become so identified with the local population that further special assistance from His Majesty's Government would be unjustified.

13. To sum up, I have expressed the consent of this Government in principle to receive these people in Cyprus when it has become no longer possible for them to remain in Eritrea. But I ask you to consider, before that time, whether the hard core cannot be further reduced, and in particular whether the party cannot be split up into groups and only one group, albeit the largest, sent to Cyprus; and whether there are not some of the party who are eligible to enter Malta. The consent is given,

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moreover, on the understanding that no conditions are attached to His Majesty's Government's undertaking to accept complete financial responsibility, and that those qualifications which have been suggested are withdrawn.

(39) 14. In the meantime, I have arranged for an officer of this Government to visit Eritrea early in April, ostensibly on casual leave. Detailed arrangements must await his return and to some extent will depend upon your reply to this despatch. In the meanwhile, however, preliminary examination of the problems involved convinces me that in the early stages at least a reception camp will be required. None is available except by using one of the sites recently occupied by the British administration staff of the Jewish camps and in this connexion I have referred to paragraph 7(b) of your despatch in my secret telegram No. 176. The decision whether to build a new camp will depend on the reply to my telegram; on the time available before the transfer, since to build a new camp will take time; and on the plans for the future settlement of the party in the light of the detailed information obtained in Eritrea. Since, however, the provision of housing will initially be the most important problem and will require an early decision, I should be grateful for any indication which you may be in a position to give as to whether the subsequent use of the Jewish camps for British subjects is considered to be so undesirable as to justify the considerably increased expenditure on, and the delay in providing, a reception centre.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient,
humble Servant,

R. J. Jumsun
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IMPORTANT

No. 199 Confidential.

Your confidential telegram No.170 and my personal letter to Martin of 14th March.

Maltese in Eritrea. (41)

As was inevitable, very strong opposition was expressed in the Executive Council to reception, with the object of ultimate assimilation, of persons concerned and grave fears were evinced as to local public reaction. Nevertheless, in view of the great difficulty these people present to H.M.G. and of repeated efforts made by yourself to accommodate them elsewhere (of which I informed the Council on basis of earlier correspondence), Council agreed not (repeat not) to oppose proposal for their accommodation at Cyprus provided:

(i) You are finally convinced that no alternative is possible despite inevitable political disadvantage locally of yet another "dumping" in Cyprus or

(ii) No final action is taken until United Nation's decision makes impossible continued accommodation of persons concerned in Eritrea.

(iii) It is recognised that Cyprus sees nothing but disadvantages to itself in acceptance of your proposal and that no occasion exists for compromise as to financial liability or

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Copies sent to:-

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| Commonwealth Relations Office - Mr. Cleobury | |
| Treasury | - Mr. W. Field Robinson |
| " | - Miss M. Mills |
| Foreign Office | - Mr. K.G. Richie |
| " " | Mr. Minshall |

War Office (C.A.2.(b)) - Junior Commander Butler

INWARD TELEGRAM

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

Cypher (O.T.P.)

COPY FOR REGISTRATION

FROM CYPRUS (O.A.G.)

89024/3

D. 17th March 1949.

R. 17th " " 21.05 hrs.



IMPORTANT

No. 199 Confidential.

Your confidential telegram No. 170 and my personal letter to Martin of 14th March.

Maltese in Eritrea. (41)

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE
CYPRUS

14th March, 1949

PERSONAL

My Dear John,

As a mail leaves this afternoon, I am taking the opportunity to warn you that there is every indication that to-morrow I shall be faced with something near to insurrection within Executive Council over the question of the Maltese from Eritrea. I have tried to prepare the way for acceptance of your request but as yet the reaction has been more antagonistic than even I expected. I shall not be helped by

- (a) the suggestion in your despatch that some of the Maltese will ultimately be an asset to the economy of Cyprus and that, therefore, we should contribute towards the cost of their training,
- (b) the reference to acceptance of the commitment by Lord Winster, or
- (c) the imminent return of the non-Templar Germans.

I find it difficult myself to accept the argument in (a) that we should bear the cost of making available to any part of your proposed "hard core" facilities for training that are not yet available to Cypriots, and the suggestion will certainly be cited as the thin end of the financial wedge. (b) has renewed the resentment felt by members - and which I have had trouble in controlling in

J. M. Martin Esq., CB., CVO.,
Colonial Office.

P.T.O.

the past - because of Lord Winster's sometimes brusque and cavalier treatment of the Council. I do not yet know the truth of the story of the Germans, who have, of course, been dealt with by Collins in direct communication with yourselves, but their return to-morrow in the circumstances reported in the last few days may be expected to raise again the whole question of the use of Cyprus as a dumping ground.

If things go against me, I will do no more than record opinions. It will then be for consideration, if the proposal is to be pursued, whether I give a direction contrary to the majority advice, or the Secretary of State gives me precise instructions. I would not myself have thought it proper to go against the majority advice of Executive Council except in pursuance of what I considered to be the best interest of Cyprus. On the other hand, I have no experience of instructions of the kind which may in the alternative be necessary, and I assume that the Secretary of State himself would not regard them otherwise than as a last resort. In either case, the action would be unfortunate in that it could hardly do other than prejudice relations and our ability to secure future agreement over more important matters.

I send you this note so that you may give the earliest consideration to your attitude.

I suppose there is no possibility whatsoever of dropping the proposal, but it will be a pretty costly one if it alienates the few elements in the local population who are openly with us. The only slight hope of getting over the inevitable rumpus lies in the fact that we have at least not presented them with a fait accompli. That, as far as Ex.Co. is concerned, would certainly have been the last straw.

Yours,

Re. Dunscombe

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FROM: WAR OFFICE

0165/3609/C.A.2(b)

TO: BEHA ERITREA

Despd. 18th March '49

DTG 181630 Z MLR

INFO CIVAFFAIRS CAIRO

C IN C MELE (FOR CIVAFFAIRS)

RESTRICTED 25791 CA2b/89

SUBJECT (.) Maltese (.) Your CA286 of 17 Feb (.) Request you forward
nominal rolls to Acting Governor Cyprus as soon as possible without waiting
confirmation ref your para two (.) ACK (.)

Message Control,

PRIORITY

Copies to:- DCA

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Colonial Office - Mr. J.S. Bennett

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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

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COPY FOR REGISTRATION

Cypher (O.T.P.)

FROM CYPRUS (Lord Winster)

D. 9th March, 1949.

R. 9th " " 13.10 hrs.



No.176 Secret.

Your confidential despatch No.41 paragraph 7(b).

Use of camp occupied by British administrative staff was already under consideration for this purpose in consultation with Commissioner for Jewish Camps. Possibility of other similar camp or same camp, if not required by Maltese, being acquired for Government projects was also being examined. Army too have proposals. Grateful to learn therefore whether desirability of avoiding "subsequent use" applies to all camp sites or only to those occupied by detainees.

2. Commissioner for Jewish Camps is unaware (of) point you raise and has been actively engaged in making arrangements for disposal. I trust negotiations to which you refer will not be protracted as Government land would remain unavailable. Also cost of guards and amount of pilfering, despite them, will be considerable.

In any further communication on this subject, please quote

No. *K2860/107/250*
and address—not to any person by name, but to—The Under-Secretary of State, Foreign Office, London, S.W. 1.



THE Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs presents his compliments to

the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies
and, by direction of the Secretary of State, transmits herewith copy of the under-mentioned paper.

Foreign Office,

15th March, 1949.

Reference to previous correspondence:

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K.O. ltr *K2564/107/250* of *10/3/49* *31*
Description of Enclosure

| Name and Date. | Subject. |
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| <i>Leavis tel:</i> <i>no: 373 of</i> <i>11/3/49</i> | <i>Arrival of twenty seven Maltese in Australia in the s.s. 'Al Muir' from Massawa.</i> |

Similar letter sent to *the Gov. C.R.O. & W.O.*

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En Clair

DEPARTMENTAL DISTRIBUTION

FROM CAIRO TO FOREIGN OFFICE

Sir R. Campbell

No. 373

D. 3.25 p.m. 11th March, 1949

11th March, 1949 R. 4.05 p.m. 11th March, 1949

Following from Consular Section.

Your telegram No. 452 dated 8th March:
Maltese from Eritrea.

(37)
On receipt of cable from B.M.A. Asmara stating that all possessed funds, accommodation and authority to enter Australia, Consul General, Cairo, replied authorising departure per S.S. Af Misr and endorsement of passports. Consul General had just passed warning to Asmara that arrival of un-wanted Maltese from Eritrea in Australia might prejudice prospects of Maltese in Egypt. Will endeavour to ascertain what documents were, in fact, held.

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please quote

No. *K 2564/107/250*
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for the attention of
J. S. Bennett, Esq. *37*

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Foreign Office,

10th March, 1949.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

| Name and Date. | Subject. |
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| <i>F.O. telegram</i> <i>no: 452 of</i> <i>7/3/49 to</i> <i>Cairo.</i> | <i>Arrival of twenty</i> <i>seven Maltese at</i> <i>Melbourne in the</i> <i>S.S. "Miss" from</i> <i>Massawa.</i> |

Similar letter sent to *the Treasury, L.R.O.*

+ W.O.

OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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Code R
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DEPARTMENTAL DISTRIBUTION

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO CAIRO

No. 452
7th March, 1949.

D. 12.15 p.m. 8th March, 1949.

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Following for Consular Section.

United Kingdom High Commissioner in Australia reports arrival at Melbourne of 27 Maltese from Eritrea. Australian Department of Immigration say they have arrived without their consent or knowledge. Passage arrangements are said to have been made by B.M.A., Eritrea.

2. Please report whether you were concerned in these arrangements. Meanwhile in view of the possibility of homes being found in Cyprus for these evacuees, about which details are being sent to you separately, no further batches should go to Australia in case landing of Maltese from Egypt is prejudiced thereby. If it is certain that any individual evacuees have landing permits authorised by Australian Department of Immigration we should not want to bully them into going to Cyprus, but Department of Immigration is in any case cabling B.M.A., Eritrea, to stop further batches going.

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J.S.D. 16/3 f.s.
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89024/3/49

Colonial Office,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

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16th March, 1949.

Maltese in Eritrea - Nominal Roll

(17) I have just noticed on reading through our file that B.M.A. Eritrea, in paragraph 2 of their signal CA.286 of the 17th February, addressed to Civil Affairs, Cairo, and repeated to you, stated that the nominal rolls of the party which they had been asked to prepare would not be sent to Cyprus until confirmation had been received from the War Office that the Cyprus Government had formally accepted the party.

(20) You will remember from our meeting that the idea was that Eritrea should send these nominal rolls to Cyprus straight away, since unless the Cyprus Government turn the proposal down altogether the nominal rolls will certainly be needed. The sooner they are in Cyprus the better, and indeed without them it is difficult for the Cyprus Government to get a proper idea of what the party is like in detail and consequently to make up their minds about their willingness to receive them. In paragraph 11 of Colonial Office despatch No. 41 of the 2nd March, a copy of which you have, we told the Acting Governor that B.M.A. had been asked to send these nominal rolls direct to him.

We should be grateful if, without bothering to go into explanations, you could ask Eritrea to send the

Junior Commander J.R. Butler.

/nominal

nominal roll to the Acting Governor as soon as it is ready, at once if possible.

(J.S. Bennett)



The War Office,
London, S.W.1.

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8th March, 1949.

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0165/3609(C.A.2(b))

Your Reference.....

Dear Bennett,

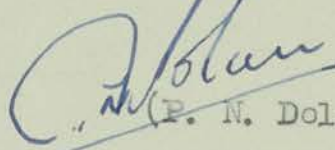
(25) In the absence of Miss Butler I am replying to your letter (No. 89024/3/49) of 3rd March, 1949 about publicity arrangements in connection with the proposed transfer to Cyprus of the Maltese evacuees at present in Eritrea.

(34) We agree with your views as to the necessity for careful timing of the various announcements which will have to be made, and we have signalled the gist of your proposals to our Administration in Eritrea. A copy of our signal is being sent to you separately.

No doubt you will let us know as soon as the Cyprus Government notifies its acceptance of the commitment, but meantime we are satisfied that the risk of a premature leakage of the news has been minimised.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours sincerely,


(P. N. Dolan)

J. S. Bennett, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
S.W.1.

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SECRET

FROM: WAR OFFICE

0165/3609/CA2(b)

TO: BIRM. ERIYREA

Despd. 8th March '49
DFO 080930Z MAR

SECRET 25331 C.A.2(b)/69

In continuation of our (cipher) 24541 of 15 Feb subject MALTESE (.)

FIRST (.) Governor Cyprus has now been officially informed of proposal but his formal acceptance still awaited (.) Until proposal confirmed you should ensure no rpt no publicity given to pending transfer (.)

SECOND (.) You will be instructed when appropriate to inform evacuees of plan and before statement made you should signal War Office repled to Cyprus content and timing your announcement (.) This essential enable Cyprus Govt comment if desired (.)

THIRD (.) Anticipated Cyprus Govt will release statement locally immediately after your announcement to evacuees

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Foreign Office - Mr. Ritchie

Treasury - Mr. Field Robinson

Colonial Office - Mr. J.S. Barnett

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INWARD TELEGRAM TO
COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

GENERAL DEPT.
EN CLAIR

D.II

FROM: B.E.M.A. ERITREA

TO: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN THE COMMONWEALTH
OF AUSTRALIA

RPTD: H.M. CONSUL GENERAL CAIRO
WAR OFFICE LONDON (FOR C.R.O.)

D. 4th Mar., 1949, 10.00 hours

R. 5th Mar., 1949, 09.00 hours

Unclassified

Addressed to United Kingdom High Commissioner Canberra,
repeated to Consul General Cairo and War Office London (for
Commonwealth Relations Office). (30)

CA 372 of 4th March. Your MI22. Maltese Immigrants.

1. Persons dispatched SS MISR possessed letters from Department Immigration Canberra signed Heyes stating as British subjects could enter Australia without formality provided good health character etc. Departure authorised by British Consul General Cairo.
2. All were provided funds before departure from 25 pounds per person to 150 pounds per family and all stated had friends or relatives able provide accommodation Australia. Consider no further funds should be provided. All gave signed undertakings not (repeat not) apply further funds.
3. No arrangements made dispatch further batches pending reply our CA 287 addressed Department Immigration Canberra asking for advice.

Copy to:-

Colonial Office
Foreign Office
War Office (CA2b)

Mr. P.A. Carter (2)
Mr. E.B. Boothby (2)
Lt. Col. E.C.S. Reid (8)

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FROM: WAR OFFICE.

TO: BELA ERITREA

0165/3609/CA2(b)

Despd. 4th March '49
041100 Z MAR.

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CA2B/67

FIRST: You will have seen ~~to~~ No. 132(cipher) from UK High Commissioner Australia regarding unauthorised arrival MELBOURNE of twenty-seven Maltese ~~evacuees~~ ex Eritrea(.) Signal your comments earliest(.) Are statements in para four accurate query(.)

SECOND: Ensure no further sailings without prior clearance Consul-General Cairo.

Priority
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Copies to:

D.C.A.

C.A.2.

Foreign Office.

Commonwealth Relations Office

Colonial Office.

Mr. E.B. Boothby

Mr. Garnett

Mr. P.A. Carter.

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INWARD TELEGRAM

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES
Cypher (O.A.G.)

COPY FOR REGISTRATION
FROM CYPRUS (O.A.G.)



D. 3rd March. 1949
R. 3rd " " 15.50 hrs.

No. 161 Secret

(15) 69024/2/49
Your telegram No. 146 paragraph 3.

Collins does not wish to be considered.

As foreshadowed in COMJEW's telegram No. 23 to you, notice terminating his appointment on 1st April has been received. Your telegram No. 340 of 1948 refers to conditions of appointment. He would be ready to serve "a few days" longer if necessary.

3. I presume you will not wish to oppose his release and we are making arrangements for suitable officer to wind up. I will accept resignation unless you telegraph otherwise.

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INWARD TELEGRAM TO
COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OFFICE

ALLOTTED TO GENERAL DEPT.
CODE

D.II.

FROM: U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER IN THE COMMONWEALTH
OF AUSTRALIA

RPTD: ERITREA (BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION)

D. 2nd Mar., 1949. 18.00 hours
R. 2nd " " 09.50 hours

IMMEDIATE
No. 132.

Addressed Commonwealth Relations Office No. 132, repeated British Military Administration Eritrea, M.122.

Twenty-seven Maltese have arrived at Melbourne in the S.S. MISR from Massawa.

2. Matter has been discussed with the Department of Immigration who say that Maltese were despatched here without their previous knowledge or consent; Department, while willing to assist, will take no responsibility.

3. Curmi Commissioner for Malta to whom Maltese have turned for help has explained that they are no responsibility of Maltese Government either and that some of these migrants are without funds and have proceeded to Sydney and Adelaide; some may also need advances until they can find work.

4. We are informed that passage arrangements were made and fares paid by British Military Administration Eritrea and that some pocket money was also issued by them.

5. Glad to be informed as soon as possible whether we should pay railway fares destination or may be authorised to make further advances in special cases.

6. Department of Immigration are cabling British Military Administration Eritrea in effort to stop further batches being sent.

Copy to:- Colonial Office
Foreign Office
War Office(C.A.2b)

Mr. P.A. Carter (2)
Mr. E.B. Boothby (2)
Lt. Col. E.C.S. Reid (8)

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

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Cypher (O.T.P.)

TO CYPRUS (O.A.G.)

Sent 6th March, 1949. 13.45 hrs.

No.170 Confidential. (20)

My despatch No.41 Confidential.

British subjects in Eritrea.

I should be grateful if, in reply, you would let me have your proposals about publicity in Cyprus. My despatch is not (repeat not) suitable for publication as it stands; but at first sight I see no objection to any parts of despatch under reference (with one or two obvious exceptions) being drawn on for purposes of local statement, to extent which you may consider desirable. I should however, wish for opportunity to review main points of any local statement with Departments concerned here before it was actually issued.

2. You will understand that public announcement in Cyprus should not (repeat not) precede announcement of news in the camps in Eritrea, arrangements for which cannot be made in advance of your reply to my despatch under reference. Your announcement could however take place on or after that date. I will therefore telegraph later about synchronised date of release.

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| War Office (C.A.2(b)) | - | Junior Commander Butcher |
| Treasury | - | Mr. V. Field-Robinson |
| Foreign Office | - | Mr. K.G. Ritchie |
| Commonwealth Relations Office | - | Mr. Cleobury. |

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File No.

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To:--

O.A.G.,
CYPRUS.

Recyphered and
Sent. (OTP)

1345 hours.

6.3.49

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Repeated to:--

Draft "B"
[To carry number
immediately following
that of Draft "A"]

Priority:--

Nil.
~~Reply urgently required~~
~~Important~~
~~Immediate~~
~~Most Immediate~~

To be transmitted:--

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OTP

No. 170

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Confidential.
~~SECRET~~
~~TOP SECRET~~
~~And Personal~~

C.O.

Mr. Bennett 3/3

Mr. Martin 4/3

Mr. *alone*

Mr.

Sir

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. of S.

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Junior Cdr Butler
(C.A.2 (b), War Office)
Mr. W. Field-Robinson, Treasury
Mr. K.G. Ritchie, F.O.
Mr. Cleobury, C.R.O.

Further action:--

Rec'd. to Mr Bennett
to inform Private Sec.
(Mr Martin's min. of 22/2)

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OUTWARD TELEGRAM

FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

89024/3/49

Cypher (O.T.P.)

TO CYPRUS (O.A.G.)

Sent 6th March, 1949. 12.15 hrs.

No.169 Secret.

Your telegram No.140.

Following personal for Turnbull from Martin.

Begins.

Despatch dated 2nd March has now been sent. Secretary of State's immediately following telegram deals with publicity and can if you wish be circulated to Executive Council with the despatch. Ends.

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File No.

89024/3/49 107

C.O.

To:—

O.A.G., CYPRUS.

Repeated to:—

Revised and
Sent. (OTF)

1215 hours.

6.3.49 1949
Class. Exp.

Draft A

Mr. Bennett 3/3

Mr. Martin 4/3

Mr. above

Sir

Priority:—

Nil

~~Reply urgently required~~

~~Important~~

~~Immediate~~

~~Most Immediate~~

For transmission:—

~~XXXXXXXX~~

~~XXXXX~~

Cypher

OTF

No. 169

~~XXXXXXXX~~

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Further action:—

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S.B. 3/3/49

Colonial Office,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

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0165/3609/C.A.2(b)

3rd March, 1949.

Maltese in Eritrea

20) You will now have received a copy of our despatch to Cyprus as sent (No. 41 of the 2nd March).

One point which we did not cover fully at our meeting a fortnight ago, and which Cyprus have already raised with us, is that of publicity. The Cyprus Government will wish, naturally enough, to make some public statement some time between when the transfer is definitely decided on and when the people actually arrive in Cyprus. Public opinion in Cyprus will have to be carefully prepared, and the statement may need to be rather a full one. We are asking the Acting Governor to tell us, in the course of his reply to the Secretary of State's despatch No. 41, the outline of the public statement he would like to make. We would then be in a position to check it with you and the other Departments concerned before issue.

The immediate question to be dealt with seems to us to be that of timing. I think you will agree that it would be a mistake for anything to be said in public about the transfer to Cyprus until the inmates of the Camp in Eritrea have themselves been told. That is only courtesy to them, and it might cause justifiable complaint and possibly embarrassment to the Military Administration, if they heard about it in a roundabout way.

or Commander J.R. Butler.

(W.O., Civil Affairs Branch)

/We

801 We therefore propose action as follows:-

- (1) The Chief Administrator, Eritrea, should be warned by telegram now that no publicity should be given to the proposed transfer until he receives instructions from London.
- (2) As soon as we hear definitely that the Cyprus Government have accepted, the Chief Administrator should be authorised by telegram to make a suitable announcement in the Camps. He should be asked to inform London in advance, repeating to Cyprus, of the date on which he proposes to make the announcement and the main points in it - the latter so that the Cyprus Government would have the opportunity to comment if they wished.
- (3) The Cyprus Government should be authorised to release their statement locally any time on or after the date on which the announcement is made in the Camps in Eritrea.

I think you will agree that it is worth taking a little trouble about publicity arrangements, especially as there may always be Parliamentary Questions when the news breaks, and it is desirable to avoid any unnecessary occasions for complaint.

I should be grateful if you could let me know if the War Office agree with the above proposals. I am copying this letter to Field-Robinson (Treasury) and Ritchie (Foreign Office) for information and in case they have any comments.

(J.S. Bennett)

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NO. 41

CONFIDENTIAL.

THE COLONIAL OFFICE,

CHURCH HOUSE,

GREAT SMITH STREET,

S.W.1.

March 1949.

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Ans'd at (43)

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that I have for some time had under consideration with the other interested Departments of His Majesty's Government the question of ~~a~~ *the* permanent settlement of some 520 British subjects of Maltese extraction now in a refugee camp in Eritrea.

2. Briefly their history is as follows. In 1941, at a time when a German break-through in the Balkans and Turkey was feared, the evacuation of British subjects resident in Greece and Turkey was ordered as an emergency measure. There were at that time communities of British subjects of Maltese extraction resident in Greece and Turkey who had been established there for the most part for a period of several generations. These people had lost effective contact with Malta and many of them spoke only the languages of the countries in which they had become domiciled, but they had retained British nationality. About 700 of them were removed to India where they were maintained by His Majesty's Government in a refugee camp until after the war. During that time various individuals were able to obtain employment or to emigrate, but the majority remained

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3. Nearly all the individuals concerned would like to return to their original homes in Turkey or Greece (though have also expressed a wish to settle in Australia). Turkish law, however, places severe restrictions on the employment of non-Turkish nationals, and it would be virtually impossible for any of these people to support themselves in that country, even if (as is unlikely) the Turkish Government were willing to re-admit them. There is no such legal barrier in Greece, but there is considerable unemployment and any who regained admission to that country would therefore probably soon revert to a state of destitution. As a matter of policy His Majesty's Government is unwilling to add to the already serious problem of destitute or semi-destitute British communities in Eastern Mediterranean countries, both

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owing to the cost of Consular relief and for political reasons. It has therefore been decided that the party of British subjects now in the camp in Eritrea should be resettled somewhere in British territory where there is a prospect of those who are capable of supporting themselves gaining employment and in the course of time becoming assimilated into the local community.

4. The problem is far from easy since large numbers of the party in Eritrea are aged or invalid people. Moreover, they have all lived an enervating existence in refugee camps since 1941 and some of them were living on Consular relief in Greece and Turkey even before that. It must be recognised that considerable numbers could never support themselves in whatever country they were settled, and would have to be maintained on relief indefinitely even in British territory. There are however certain able-bodied persons, some who are skilled or semi-skilled and others who are capable of learning a trade. With proper retraining or apprenticeship these people should be capable of supporting themselves, and it is clearly most desirable, both on financial and humanitarian grounds that they should be given the opportunity to do so.

5. His Majesty's Government have given careful consideration to possible territories where the party could be settled. I should make it clear at the outset that, although they are spoken of as being of Maltese extraction, and derive their British nationality from ancestors who emigrated from Malta, they have no effective connection with that country. The Malta Government do not admit any liability for persons of Maltese extraction abroad after the first generation, and in the present economic circumstances of Malta His Majesty's Government could see no grounds for asking the Malta Government to make an exception in favour of this party in

while the Jewish camps were still in existence (a condition which I fully accepted), he would be willing to admit the hard core of the party in Eritrea to Cyprus when the Jewish camps had been cleared, subject of course to satisfactory assurances regarding the financial aspect. I trust therefore that, taking into account the financial proposals which follow, you will now agree that the party may be admitted to the Colony.

7. In proposing that this party of British subjects should be settled in Cyprus, His Majesty's Government accept the principle that no financial burden on the Cyprus Government should result. It is difficult to foresee exactly what nature of financial liabilities will be incurred until detailed plans for the reception and settlement of the party are worked out; but I am in a position to assure you that, without prejudice to the general principle just stated, His Majesty's Government would be prepared to bear, and refund to the Cyprus Government, the following charges:-

- (a) The transport of the party from Eritrea to Cyprus.
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way to start life in Cyprus, would eventually become an asset to the economy of the Island. For this reason I suggest for your consideration that the Cyprus Government might reasonably be prepared to relieve His Majesty's Government to some extent, in a proportion to be agreed, of the costs of education and apprenticeship of the younger members of the group. Details would have to be worked out later, but I should be grateful if you could let me know whether you agree in principle that such a sharing of costs of this nature would be equitable.

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9. In paragraph 7(f) I have referred to the possibility of resettlement grants in selected cases. It will be clear that I have in mind small grants to assist in individual cases the general policy of absorbing these people into the economy of Cyprus. I would not exclude the possibility that

in certain cases an individual, after receiving training in Cyprus, might be given a resettlement grant to enable him to migrate and start up life in another country, e.g. in one of the Dominions, if he could satisfy the conditions for admission to that country and if he had a reasonable prospect of being self-supporting there. That is to say, it is not an absolute condition that these people, having been sent to Cyprus, must stay there for ever. In any case I recognise that it would be impracticable for the Cyprus Government to impose restrictions on their leaving the Island which would not at the time in question be imposed on other British subjects who were resident in the Island. Nevertheless I must make it clear that His Majesty's Government would regard with great disfavour any attempt which these people might be tempted to make towards a large-scale migration from Cyprus back to Turkey or Greece, since once in those countries there is every probability that they would soon again fall on Consular relief. Any scheme which you might wish to recommend for resettlement grants would therefore have to be subject to the condition that recipients of these grants should give an undertaking about the purposes for which the grants would be used. Among the conditions so imposed there would have to be either a ban on migration to certain countries (Turkey, Greece and Egypt among them) or at least an explicit recognition by the individual that, if he did go to such countries and subsequently became destitute, he would have forfeited any right to receive the relief generally given to destitute British subjects there. Details of such arrangements would again need to be worked out subsequently but I have raised the point here in order to complete the picture.

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I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(sgd) A. Creech Jones.

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C. O. M. Carter 17/2

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Minister of State

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generally in Cyprus are the nearest approach to those to which the people were accustomed before 1941 and there is the great advantage that language will present no difficulty. Even making allowance for the necessity of the aged and unemployable being maintained on relief indefinitely, wherever they are, it still appears that Cyprus is the best destination from the humanitarian point of view.

6. I do not wish to add to the burdens of the Cyprus Government and it is only with great reluctance that I have reached the conclusions summarised above. I am fully aware of the contribution which Cyprus has made in the past to the solution of various refugee problems and is making at the present moment in regard to the repatriation of distressed Cypriots in Egypt; and, as I have recently informed you, H.M.G. is most appreciative of all that the Cyprus Government did in connection with the camps for Jewish illegal immigrants which have just been closed. I approached Lord Winster, some months before he relinquished the administration, about the possibility of settling the party in Eritrea in Cyprus, and he indicated at that time that, while he could not agree to any action being taken while the Jewish camps were still in existence (a condition which I fully accepted), he would be willing to admit the hard core of the party in Eritrea to Cyprus when the Jewish camps had been cleared, subject of course to satisfactory assurances regarding the financial aspect. I trust therefore that,

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TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

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Cypher (O.T.P.)

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89024/3.

FROM CYPRUS (O.A.G.)

D. 24th February, 1949

R. 24th " " 17.20 hrs.

No. 139 Secret

(15)

Your telegram No. 146 secret.

Following personal for Martin.

Maltese in Eritrea.

From Cyprus viewpoint confidential
despatch will suffice.



INWARD TELEGRAM.

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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COPY FOR REGISTRATION

Cypher O.T.P.

FROM CYPRUS (O.A.G.)

D. 26th February, 1949.
R. 26th " "

17.40 hrs.

IMPORTANT

No. 140. Secret

Your secret telegram No. 146. (15)

Following is personal for Martin from
Turnbull. Begins.

19A Telegram No. 139 was sent in my absence on tour. For immediate purposes of Executive Council confidential despatch will suffice, but its terms should be such as will permit later publication or, in alternative it should indicate the lines of later permissible statement. Unofficial members of the Council will be concerned with public reaction and will naturally wish to know what explanation is to be offered.

JW

Tel. No.: Whitehall 1234.



Your Reference 89024/3/49.....

Treasury Reference I.F. 17/19/05B



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TREASURY CHAMBERS.

GREAT GEORGE STREET,

LONDON, S.W.1

24th February, 1949.

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Dear Bennett,

(11)
Replying to your above quoted letter dated 21st February, 1949, concerning the proposed resettlement in Cyprus of the Maltese now in Eritrea, I have to inform you that I agree entirely your draft of the despatch to the Acting Governor of Cyprus attached to your letter.

I am copying this to the other Departments mentioned in your letter.

Yours sincerely,

J.S. Bennett, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

W. Field Robinson

Tel. No.— ABBey 1272/232

Any further communication on this
subject should be addressed to:—
The Under-Secretary of State,
The War Office
(as opposite),
following number quoted.



THE WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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24th February, 1949

Your Reference—0165/3609/CA2B

Dear

Mr Bennett.

(13)

Thank you for your letter 89024/3/49 dated
21st February in which you enclosed a copy of the draft
despatch to Cyprus.

We have studied the despatch and fully concur with
its contents which appear to cover all the points admirably.

We have only one comment to make and that is in
connection with the first sentence of paragraph 3. From
information received from Eritrea it appears that approximately
250 of the evacuees have expressed a wish to settle in
Australia. It is more than likely, however that this is a
second choice and that if the applicants thought there was
any possibility of returning to their original homes in
Turkey or Greece they would no doubt prefer to do so. We
do not consider, therefore, that any rewording of paragraph 3
need be contemplated.

Yours

Sincerely

J.R. Butler

J.S. Bennett, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
Church House,
Great Smith Street, S.W.1.

(I think
a small
amendment
is possible
& have
made it.)

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BY SECURE MEANS

Recd:-18 Feb 49.

From:- BEMA Eritrea.

D.T.O. 1710300 Feb.

To:- Civaffairs Cairo.

Info:- G.H.Q. M.E.L.F. for C.A.B., War Office for CA2(B).

SECRET. CA286 Feb 17.

Maltese.

One. Troopers 24541 (C.2b) of 15 represents Great Success by Consul General Cairo and yourself. Grateful you convey highest thanks to Mr King.

Two. Will not despatch nominal rolls until confirmation as in Troopers para 5 received.

Three. Conducting Officer available immediately.

Four. Request you consult Consul General whether Maltese referred to my C.A. 200 of 4 February who may be approved for Australia should remain here. No repeat no reply yet received from Canberra.
Hastener sent.

Message Control.

Distribution by C.A.2(b)

Copies to:-

D.C.A.

D.D.C.A.

C.A.1.

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F.5.

Colonial Office (Mr. P.A. Carter)

Foreign Office (Mr. K. Ritchie)

Treasury (Mr. W. Field-Robinson)

Whitehall 9400

THE WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.1.

16/02/53(S.S.).

89024/3

15th February, 1949.

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Please refer to your letter, H427/107/250 dated 24th January, 1949, addressed to Miss Mills (Treasury) and our letter 16/02/53 dated 26th January, 1949, to Knox (copy to you) regarding Balkan Baitese Evacuees in Eritrea.

2. We have now been informed by the territory that the total expenditure on this service for the three months ending 31st December, 1948, amounted to £12,807.2s. 0d. making a total amount of £45,630.3s. 3d. due for the period January, 1948, to December, 1948. It will be appreciated if you would arrange for early settlement of this amount to enable us to clear the Suspense Account of the Military Administration in Eritrea.

3. It is estimated that expenditure under this heading for the period 1st January to 31st March, 1949, will be approximately £24,000. We will notify you of the actual amount for this period as soon as we receive notification from the territory.

(SGD.) H. ROWAN WALKER.

R. W. Minshall, Esq.,
Foreign Office,
S.W.1.

Copy to:- Captain J. N. Knox, R.N. (Retd), Treasury.
P. A. Carter, Esq., Colonial Office.

OUTWARD TELEGRAM

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FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES

89024/3/49

Cypher (O.T.P.)

TO CYPRUS (O.A.G.)

Sent 23rd February, 1949. 14. 15 hrs.

No. 146 SECRET

Your telegram No. 75.

Following personal from Martin begins.

Despatch from Secretary of State about Maltese in Eritrea, on lines agreed in our discussion, will follow shortly as soon as details have been settled with other Departments concerned. Previous correspondence has been classified "secret", but for Executive Council purposes will confidential despatch suffice? (It will be recognised that, apart from Cyprus reactions, nothing should come out publicly until party in Eritrea have themselves been told about their future).

2. Meanwhile, to save time, Chief Administrator Eritrea has been asked to prepare and send to you nominal roll of party with all necessary particulars. This is of course without prejudice to formal acceptance of proposal by Cyprus Government.

3. You may wish to consider inviting Collins to stay on, after winding up Jewish camps, to assist with reception of this party. Financial implications dealt with in forthcoming despatch. Ends.

Draft
TELEGRAM * *** SAVINGRAM**
* The word Priority may be entered here, if necessary.

File No. 89024/3/49

To:—

Acting Governor
CYPRUS

Sent.

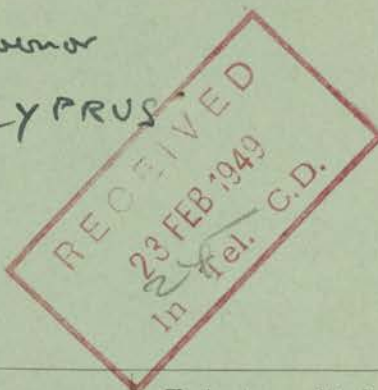
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14.15 hours.

Mr. Bennett 22/2
Mr. Martin 22/2
Mr. alone
Mr. _____
Sir _____

Repeated to:—



Priority:—

☒ Nil.
☒ Reply urgently required.
☒ Important.
☒ Immediate.
☒ Most Immediate.

To be transmitted:—

In Clear
☒ Code
☒ Cypher

OTP

No. 146

Restricted.
☒ Confidential.
☒ Secret.
☒ Top Secret and Personal.

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Parly. U.S. of S.
S. of S.

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Your telegram No. 75.
Following ^{personal} ~~for TURNBULL~~
from MARTIN begins.

Despatch from Secretary of State about Maltese in ERITREA, on lines agreed in our discussion, will follow shortly as soon as details have been settled with other Departments concerned. Previous correspondence has been classified "secret", but for Executive Council purposes will confidential despatch suffice? (~~It~~ ^{It} will ^{be} recognised that, apart from Cyprus reactions, nothing should come out publicly until party in Eritrea have themselves been told about their future).

Distribution:—

Further action:—

Mr Bennett Case
imminent. 10/7

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Chief Administrator. Entrea ^{HAS} ~~has~~
been asked to prepare and send to
you nominal roll of party with
all necessary particulars. This is
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Cyprus Government.

3. You may wish to consider
inviting COLLINS to stay on,
after winding up Jewish camps,
to assist with reception of this
party. Financial implications dealt
with in forthcoming despatch.

Ends.

Colonial Office,
The Church House,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

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89024/3/49

21st February, 1949.

Secret

draft below

I enclose a draft despatch to Cyprus on the lines agreed at our meeting on Monday, 14th February. When we came to draft the communication to the Cyprus Government, we decided that, in order to provide the Acting Governor with all the relevant background information for the benefit of his Executive Council, it was too long to go as a telegram, but I do not think we need expect any serious delay as a result. Would you kindly let me know as soon as possible if you concur in the draft?

I am copying this to Ritchie (Foreign Office) and Junior Commander Butler (War Office) also for their concurrence, and to Cleobury (Commonwealth Relations Office) for his information.

(J.S. Bennett)

W. Field-Robinson, Esq.
Treasury.

C. O.

Mr. *Hay 17/2*Mr. *Carte 17/2*Mr. *Bennett 20/2/49*

Mr. _____

Mr. _____

89024/3/49.

Permt. U.S. of S.

Parly. U.S. S.

Minister of State

Secretary of State

Your Reference _____

DRAFT.Secret.*For Mr Bennett's signature*

W. Field-Robinson, Esq.,

TREASURY

Dear Field-Robinson,

I enclose a draft despatch to Cyprus on the lines agreed at our meeting on Monday, 14th February. When we came to ^(the communication to the Cyprus Government) draft ~~it~~, we decided that it was too long to go as a telegram, but I do not think we need ^{expect} ~~anticipate~~ ^(serious) any delay as a result. Would you ^{kindly} let me know as soon ^{the draft?} as possible if you concur in its contents.

I am copying this to Richie (F.O.) ^{Junior Commander} and Miss ^{also} Butler (W.O.) for their concurrence and to Cleobury (C.R.O.) for his information.

~~Whilst we are waiting for the reply in anticipation of the approval of the Cyprus authorities, we propose to approach the Ministry of Transport on the question of shipping availabilities as it is important that they should have early warning of this likely demand for shipping space.~~

FURTHER ACTION.

4M Copies to ^(to be with copies of accompanying draft despatch)

1) K.G. Richie, Esq.
Foreign Office.

2) Junior Commander.
Butler,
CA. 2b
War Office,
Hotel Victoria
Not the War Office

3) F.A. Cleobury, C.R.O.

in order to provide the Acting Governor with all the relevant background information for the benefit of his Executive Council

On receipt of your concurrence in the draft despatch and

C. O.

Mr. Lloyd 15/2 89024/3/49
 Mr. Carlin 17/2
 Mr. Bennett 21/2 ^{above} ^{as sent} ^{(subject to} ^{detailed} ^{amendment)} ^{Permt. U.S. of S.} ^{Parly. U.S. S.}
 Mr. _____ ^{Minister of State}
 Mr. _____ ^{Secretary of State}

For Commence of
Tuesday, 7.0. & War
Office.

Your Reference _____

ACTING DRAFT. DESPATCH
 GOVERNOR,
 CYPRUS

SECRET

Sir,

I have etc. to inform you that I
 for some time ^{consideration}
 have had under discussion with the other
 interested Departments of H.M.G. the
 question of the permanent settlement of
 some 520 ~~Balkan Maltese evacuees~~ now in
 a ^{refugee camp in} ~~Eritrea.~~

British subjects of
 Maltese extraction

2. Briefly their history is as follows:
 In 1941, H.M.G. feared a German breakthrough
 into Cyprus from Europe and ordered the
 immediate evacuation of British subjects
 resident in Greece and Turkey. Some
 700 non-Malta born Maltese subjects were
 removed to India where they stayed until
 the transfer of power in that country
 in 1947 and they were once more removed
 to Eritrea. For the most part they
 consist of aged and invalid persons
 who have been on relief for many years
 and the majority must be considered
 unemployable. There are, however,
 certain able-bodied persons, semi-skilled
 (who had a trade or are capable of
 and others ^{willing to learn} a trade.
 When they were removed to Eritrea it was
 not intended that they should remain

FURTHER ACTION.

Copies to go to F.O., Tey,
 War Office & C.R.O. under
 cover of accompanying
 despatch.

(Please ensure that there
 is one fair copy available
 for the file).

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there in permanent settlements since the climate is

unsuitable and the future of the country has yet to

be settled by UNO. *This question will come up for discussion at the adjourned meeting of the Assembly in April; there is no reason to doubt but that a decision on the future of the country will be reached. In consequence the necessity for coming to a definite arrangement about the future of this community is overriding.*

3. It is not possible for these persons to return to their original domiciles ^{in Turkey or Greece} owing to restrictions ^{imposed by the Turkish nationality laws} on the employment of non-Turkish

nationals in Turkey and owing to the unemployment

problem already existing in Greece ^{which would} rendering

^{almost certainly involve their removal to} there every likelihood of these people returning to

a state of destitution, a condition H.M.G. is anxious to avoid,

particularly in that part of the world. After

exhaustive and searching enquiries it has not been

possible to arrange for their reception in any other

country ^{where conditions of} having regard to climate, diet ^{and etc} and ^{Factors would not militate against the chances of successful settlement.} religious. In the circumstances I am most

reluctantly compelled to ask you to

accommodate them.

4. I realise that ^{there are bound to be political, economic} will tax the resources of an ^{and administrative difficulties involved in the implementation of such a proposal} already overstrained economy and administration but in order that H.M.G. may ^{fulfill its obligations towards a community consisting of British subjects} bear its responsibilities ^{cautious and} it is, I consider, in the interests of British ^{steps should now be taken for their settlement} prestige, that they should, if possible, be accommodated on British territory. ^[This takes in as in X-X of attached slip]

5. As a result of the discussions mentioned in paragraph 1 of this despatch above, H.M.G. has agreed to meet the entire cost of the operation, which falls under the following main headings: -

- (i) The transport of the party from Eritrea to ~~accommodation~~ in Cyprus;
- (ii) The fitting out of a Reception Centre ^{in Cyprus} Presumably this would be in a camp and in this respect I am informed that it would be preferable, though not essential, if a camp other than an ex-Jewish one could be used, since the ~~cost~~ ^{question} of the ~~latter~~ ^{a financial settlement regarding the cost of the Turkish camps} is about to form the subject

X The matter has ^{however} been discussed with
Lord Winter and he agreed that when
the Jewish camps in Gyms had been cleared
he would be prepared to permit the
entry of these people into Gyms, subject of
course to satisfactory financial assurances. X

and the provision of one of these camps to house this British Community from Sirtira might only serve to complicate the negotiations

negotiations with the Israeli ^{authorities} Government, ^{over} and it will be difficult to make the capital cost to that Government. If you should see difficulty in this, no objection would be raised to the party being boarded out or accommodated in ^(which the local authorities might deem most expedient some other manner). In either event ^{he prepared to} H.M.G. would bear the cost.

(iii) ^{their} Maintenance in the camp or elsewhere.

It is realised that since the main ^{bulk of this} Community consists of ^{persons} part is invalid and aged, maintenance ^{of some individuals at least} may have to be continued for an indefinite period and H.M.G. is prepared to accept this responsibility as a recurrent charge;

(iv) ^{representative of H.M.G.} The visit of an emissary from ^{Smith's official} Cyprus to ^(Govt.) Eritrea, to initiate contact with the

Chief Administrator, B.M.A., Asmara. ^{If such an officer is sent to Eritrea,} It has been suggested that ^(for the success of such an operation) it would be advisable for such a person to proceed in this manner and that he should make ^{him also to call en route on} contact with H.M. Consul General at

Cairo as well since the latter has at his disposal ^{valuable} useful particulars regarding ^{the personnel in the British camp.} the subject.

^{on the understanding that} In return H.M.G. would ask the

Cyprus Government to give an assurance that they will make every effort to ^{possible} absorb the maximum ^{of employables} number possible into the economy of the Island as soon as this becomes possible;

6. H.M.G. would be prepared to assist

/ in

to acquaint himself with the nature of the problem, and to assist in completing the necessary arrangements for the move of this party ~~was desirable to Cyprus~~

in any training or apprenticeship scheme applicable to those members of the party

who may be considered fit for employment after training;

(This applies particularly to the younger members.)
In this respect it is

pointed out that many have never had an

opportunity to start their life with a

reasonable chance of success and it is

hoped that they would eventually become

an asset to the economy of the Island

and for this reason it is suggested that

Cyprus might be prepared to make a small

contribution towards a training scheme

and the education of the children. The exact

(degree of this financial assistance must not of course be settled now and could be decided upon later when the facts are better known.)

Should any of the persons be

maintained in continuous employment for three

years or more he would be considered

assimilated into the economy of the Island

and H.M.G. would feel released from its

obligation to pay relief should he become

unemployable. On the other hand should any

of the persons be employed for less than

three years and become unemployed during

that time H.M.G. will pay relief payments

equivalent to the rates in force at the

(in order to gain a clearer idea of the financial commitment thereby entailed)
time for Cypriot nationals. In this

(if particulars)
connection I would be grateful for a copy of

the existing rates, could be forwarded in due course.

(To remove any doubts about the full degree of financial backing which H.M.G. is prepared to provide in this matter, I can assure you that)

8. Further, H.M.G. will underwrite the cost

of any unforeseen charges that may arise in

connection either with their transport or

their maintenance provided the Cyprus

Government does all in its power to absorb

them into the local economy.

/ Consideration

In the case of those members of the community who are employable and capable of being assimilated into the economy of the Island, it would be unreasonable to expect H.M.G. to assume a contingent liability indefinitely once they have succeeded in obtaining employment for a substantial period of time. It is submitted therefore for consideration that

Although this question has no particular bearing upon the main purpose of this despatch you may be interested to know that to assist in the assimilation of the ^{more employable members of this community} in the economic life of the colony.

9. Consideration has been given here to the question of re-settlement grants but it is felt that any hard and fast rules should be deferred until investigation could be made into each individual case as it arose, but in general it must be made clear to any prospective applicant that no application would be entertained for assistance to re-settle in certain countries and any applicant ^{for a grant} would have to sign an undertaking that he would not use ~~such a~~ ^{Turkey and Greece.} grant to go to either Turkey or Greece. Should he so proceed in contravention of this undertaking, consideration would be given to the cessation of relief payments ^{in those countries} should he apply ^{at a later date} ~~at a later date~~. These proposals may need alteration in the light of experience and they are not intended as hard and fast rules.

where they are likely again to fall upon members who

for the purpose of visiting any such countries, included amongst which would almost certainly be

he would be warned that he would not be entitled to any

The above paragraphs outline the ^{financial} main features of this proposal. Doubtless there are other points which will occur to you, but having regard to the assurances furnished in paragraphs 5, 6 and 8, I should be glad to hear

10. If you are able to express your willingness to accommodate this party, ^{in order that} ~~as I trust you will~~, arrangements for the move ^{may} ~~will~~ be put in hand at once. I have tentatively agreed with the War Office, and they have undertaken to obtain from the Chief Administrator, B.M.A., Asmara, a nominal roll of the entire party. This will show family groups, with age, sex, language of each individual, and an assessment of the employability and trade qualifications

of each adult. A copy will be sent direct
^{on completion of these particulars.}
 to you. ~~From then on further moves would~~

be a matter for direct contact between

^{government}
 your emissary and the authorities in

Eritrea. ^{I should mention that}
~~During their stay in~~

Eritrea, owing to the nature of the

country and the problem involved,

military guards were placed on the camp,

I consider that it would be highly

inadvisable for these precautions to be

maintained in their new home; ^{you may} ~~it is on~~

~~the other hand for your consideration~~

whether the escorts, who would presumably

accompany the party during the move,

should not stay on in Cyprus for a

nominal period after arrival in order to

~~assist with the resettlement; on the~~

~~other hand you~~ may prefer that these

and allied details should await the

report of your ^{representative} emissary on his return

from Eritrea. In any event, H.M.G.

will, of course, meet the cost of any

officer appointed to administer the camp

and such staff as he may consider necessary ~~to escort the party.~~

~~I would be grateful to learn whether~~

in the circumstances you feel able to

accept this additional burden. In view

of forthcoming discussions on the

future of the ex-Italian Colonies

~~I would be grateful for an early reply.~~

I have, etc.

As soon as preliminary
 arrangements have been
 made with the Ministry
 of Transport as regards
 shipping, it would probably
 facilitate matters if all
 further negotiations regarding
 the move were conducted
 direct between

[Omit?]

wish to consider the possibility of
 retaining the services of
 the officer who has been
 responsible for the welfare
 and security of the camp
 inmates in Eritrea in
 order to facilitate the
 handover and resettlement
 of the personnel concerned.
 The ^{authorities} in Eritrea
 have been warned about
 this but before coming
 to a definite decision you

CIPHER TELEGRAM

This message will not be distributed outside British Government Departments or Headquarters or re-transmitted, even in cipher, without being paraphrased.
(Messages marked O.T.P. need not be paraphrased).

C165/3609/CA2b

151 500 Z. FEB

Desp 15 Feb 49

From :- War Office

To:- BEMA Eritrea

Info:- C-in-C M.E.L.F. (for Civaffairs)

Civaffairs Cairo

SECRET

24541

CA2b/61

Subject disposal Maltese evacuees

- ONE (.) Cyprus Government have agreed in principle to accepting the party subject to financial arrangements.
- TWO (.) Arrangements for transfer will be made in direct communication with you by Cyprus authorities (.) Letter will require an up-to-date nominal roll of all evacuees which should be as comprehensive as possible with three copies to War Office (.)
- THREE (.) Understood Cyprus Government will despatch representative to Eritrea to discuss arrangements.
- FOUR (.) Expected that a conducting officer will be necessary to accompany party who can remain in Cyprus for few weeks to facilitate handover
- FIVE (.) Above is for information only (.) Will confirm as soon as formal acceptance by Cyprus Government is known.
- SIX (.) You should ensure that all correspondence is copied to War Office.

PRIORITY

Message Control.

Copy to:-

D.C.A.

D.D.C.A.

C.A.1.

C.A.2.(b)

M.O.4.

F.5.

Colonial Office (Mr. P.A. Carter)

Foreign Office (Mr. E. Ritchie)

Treasury (Mr. W. Field Robinson)

SECRETMALTESE REFUGEES

Reference Reds 24-23, I have already discussed this subject with Mr. Martin. He assured me that the Colonial Office had spared no effort to find an acceptable alternative to Cyprus, but he gave me to understand that the Secretary of State regards this Government as already committed to the liability. I can confirm that His Excellency also considered himself to have given what is in effect an undertaking. It is the case, however, that no official approach has yet been made to this Government, such as, for instance, might be placed before Executive Council. Mr. Martin proposed that he should arrange for an official approach to be made as soon as he returns to London.

2. The undertaking that has been given is naturally only one of principle, and we are still free to advance such conditions and propose such reservations as we think reasonable. That should be done in response to the official approach. (I think the conditions and reservations proposed in Mr. Reddaway's memorandum eminently reasonable.)

3. Mr. Martin also suggested that the most practical approach to the problem of accommodation would be for an officer of this Government to visit Eritrea at H.M.G.'s expense to assess the problem. If the proposal is adopted, it would be for him to secure from the local authorities there detailed information on the lines suggested in paragraph 2 of Mr. Reddaway's note.

4. There can, of course, be no question of accommodating these people, at any rate in the first instance, elsewhere than in an organised camp. It is possible that Sir Godfrey Collins could assist in the arrangements before his own

/departure

departure, but the services which these people will require will be much more those provided to the Jews by the personnel of the American Joint Distribution Committee than those provided by Sir Godfrey Collins himself.

Ree

3. 2. 1949.

Red 22

I assume that you will wish to discuss this subject with Mr. Martin in the light of the latest telegram from the S. of S. The other officers who might perhaps take part in the discussion are ? the C. of L. and the Chief Commissioner (I don't think the C.J.C. can add much at this stage). I suggest the subject might be discussed under the following heads:-

Number.

Red 16

Red 12

It has been agreed that we should be asked to take only the "hard core" i.e. those for whom it had not been possible to make alternative provision while they remain in Eritrea. In June 1948 we were told that the total number transferred from India to Eritrea was 450. In December the "hard core" was supposed to be "in the neighbourhood of four hundred". We now learn that it is likely to be about 500. Before any of the refugees are admitted, we must, I think, insist on a complete nominal roll by family groups with age, sex, and language of each individual ^{and} an assessment of the employability and trade qualifications of each adult.

Qualifications for Assimilation.

Red 8

Red 21

The refugees originate from Turkey and the Balkans. "For the most part they speak only Greek or Turkish". They are indolent and lacking in initiative. The "hard core" contains "a very high proportion of problem cases". Many have no trade and all are urban types who could not be expected to adapt themselves to agriculture. There is a high proportion of old people and invalids.

Clearly the practicability (leaving aside all questions of expediency) of satisfactory assimilating any large number of these people into the economy of Cyprus will be small.

Finance.

Red 11

H.M.G. undertake to provide for the aged and invalid indefinitely, and for the able-bodied pending their absorption into the local economy, and would also pay all expenses of the move from Eritrea.

Red 16

These are not, I suggest, "satisfactory assurances regarding the financial aspect." Many of the able-bodied may prove unemployable in Cyprus and no assumptions can be made about their absorption into the local economy. No loophole must be left for the Treasury to turn round in a year or so's time and say that Cyprus must henceforth carry these unwanted unemployables. H.M.G. should be asked to give an explicit guarantee that no charge will fall upon Cyprus funds at any time in the future in respect of these refugees. The only concession which in my view could

/reasonably

reasonably be asked of Cyprus would be to accept responsibility for the children who are of an age (e.g. under 10 years) to complete a considerable part of their education in the Island: the Colony might then accept responsibility for them as from the completion of their education. A further condition on which Cyprus could reasonably insist would be the provision at the expense of H.M.G. of adequate training facilities to promote the assimilation of the able-bodied into the local economy and/or their immigration into some other country (e.g. Australia). 154

Transfer.

Probably it will be necessary for practical reasons to move the whole body together. But, if this can be avoided, there might be advantage from the point of view of local reaction in admitting them in dribblets, fair few families at a time. This depends to some extent on whether they are to be accommodated "institutionally" or in private houses.

Accommodation.

The aged and invalid must, I think, be put into a Camp and kept there indefinitely. As far as the able-bodied are concerned it would promote their absorption if they were housed separately, but an insuperable difficulty is, I think, the shortage of housing. For the beginning at any rate they must, I think, be put all together in a Camp. This will also facilitate trade training, if any. I suggest that one of the Famagusta Camps is to be preferred to one at Xylotymbou, being nearer a possible centre of employment.

Timetable.

We may expect the evacuation of the Jewish Camps to be completed within about three weeks. There are three months left before the U.N. are due to settle the future of Eritrea. But I suggest this does not constitute a date line. If Cyprus is to assist, the arrangements must not be rushed and in particular I think we must insist on the provision of full particular as suggested above, well in advance of the arrival of the refugees, since our arrangements for their reception will depend to a large extent on how the community is constituted.

Publicity.

The P.I.O. should be briefed with the full story of the refugees before they arrive, but will not of course invite publicity.

Public Reaction

I think it would be wise to enter a caveat that the Cyprus Government reserves the right, if local

/opposition

opposition to the settlement of these refugees becomes impossible to resist, to review its acquiescence in the proposal.

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2. I have had three spare copies of this note prepared in case it may serve as a basis for discussion.

Agf.

3.2.49.

INWARD TELEGRAM.

89024/3/49⁸

TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

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Cypner (O.T.P.)

COPY FOR REGISTRATION



FROM CYPRUS (Lord Winster)

D. 3rd February, 1949

R. 3rd " " 15.25 hrs.

No. 75.

Following for Bennett from Martin. Begins.

Your telegram No. 88. (6)

Maltese.

I have spoken to the Colonial Secretary
and will discuss with you on return. Arriving
Northolt Sunday afternoon. Ends.

From Brigadier J.F. Benoy, C.B.E.



The War Office,
London, S.W.1.

29th January, 1949.

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0165/3573/CA2(b)

Your Reference.....

My

Dear

Bennett

79 on '48 file.

May I refer to your letter 89024/3/48 dated 8th December 1948, to Davidson, with a copy to me on the subject of the Maltese in Eritrea.

In view of the announcements both in the press and on the radio of the imminent departure of Jews from the Cyprus camps, I suggest that the time has now come when action should be taken with regard to the proposal to remove at least some of these evacuees to Cyprus. Perhaps you would consider making a further approach to the Cyprus authorities.

(85) on '48 file.
From reports received from Eritrea, it appears that the Maltese are becoming more vociferous and difficult to handle, particularly so since four of their number were involved in an incident last month in which one of them was brutally murdered by a gang of shifta. They have, not unnaturally, become very agitated and redoubled their cries for something to be done about them in the way of resettlement.

It is perhaps relevant to mention that in the course of twelve months only 12 out of the 550 evacuees have been resettled and the cost of maintaining them is still £4,000 per month.

I am copying this letter to Davidson and to Field Robinson (Treasury).

Yours

simply

J.F. Benoy

J.S. Bennett, Esq.,
Colonial Office,
LONDON.

Draft

TELEGRAM/ *

*SAVINGRAM

* The word Priority may be entered here, if necessary.

File No. 158
89024/3/49

C.O.

Important
To: Governor CYPRUS

Repeated to:—

Sent. 0TP
2230 hours.

31/1/1949

Mr. Bennett
31/1
at once
Mr.
Mr.
Sir

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Foreign Office have approached us
again about Maltese in ERITREA,
~~also~~ suggesting that some more
definite arrangement might now
be reached since JEWS are
leaving Cyprus. B.M.A. ERITREA
are becoming restive in view of
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since there are only three months left before United Nations are due to settle future of ERITREA.

Suggest it would be helpful if matter could be discussed with authorities concerned while you are in Cyprus. You are familiar with background so I need not elaborate, but will of course telegraph any further information that may be required. Understand that hard core is ^{now} ~~likely~~ to be about 500 instead of 400 as previously notified to Governor.

Ends.

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FOREIGN OFFICE,

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27th January, 1949.

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Dear Bennett,

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I refer to your letter of the 8th December under reference 89024/3/48 to Davidson about the Maltese in Eritrea.

I am enclosing copies of correspondence exchanged with the Political Adviser in Eritrea about these people from which you will see that it is becoming more and more imperative to get them moving in the very near future. As I see that some of the Jews are now moving out of Cyprus, I wonder if it would not be worth while tackling the Governor again. Although you will see that we are doing all we can to dispose of some of the people concerned, the residue will be beyond us and time is running short. Could you let me know the latest position?

I am copying this to Benoy at the War Office, Field-Robinson at the Treasury and Cleobury, Commonwealth Relations Office.

Yours sincerely
C.G. Kemball

(C.G. Kemball).

J.S. Bennett, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

S/108/250).

Political Adviser's Office,
B.M.A.,
Asmara.
11th January, 1949.

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S/PA/36/8.

Dear Kemball,

I see from papers here that Consular Department have been concerned with the problem of the so-called Maltese displaced persons at present in camp in Eritrea. The Administration here has been corresponding recently with the Consulate-General in Cairo and the Colonial Office and the War Office have also been concerned.

So far I have taken no part in this business because it did not seem to concern me but the Administration have now drawn attention to an aspect of the problem which may concern you. As you know, U.N.O. are due to begin consideration of the former Italian Colonies at the beginning of April and if some decision is reached, which will mean our handing over to some other government, these British subjects would become a much more difficult problem than they are now.

There are, as you know, about 520 people in the camp at Mai Habar. The Australian Government have now agreed to take 15 persons but no arrangements have so far been made for their journey; but even if they are taken away in the near future that will still leave over 500 people. These would present a very tricky problem during our withdrawal and handover to another incoming government. The alternatives would appear to be to take them with us, although I imagine our transport would be hard pressed, or leave them behind. Neither alternative seems satisfactory.

The largest number of them wants to go to Australia and I understand that the Australian Government has expressed willingness to take any British subjects who are able-bodied and of good character. If the Australian Government could implement this promise, if in fact it has been made, and shipping could be provided to take them to Australia, the back of the problem would be broken.

The bulk of the remainder desire to go to Turkey. I imagine that it would be far from easy to arrange this and the Consul-General Izmir has drawn attention to some of the drawbacks of repatriating them to Turkey.

Nobody wants to go to Malta for as you know their British nationality is based in most cases on Maltese nationality of some generations back. They have no links with that country now and anyway I do not imagine that Malta would take them.

Is it possible to move them meantime to Cyprus? I do not suppose that Cyprus either would be pleased to have another batch of displaced persons dumped on them but at any rate they are well-behaved and peaceable on the whole and an improvement no doubt on the previous displaced persons sent to Cyprus.

It seems to me that the ideal solution would be to send as many as possible to Australia now, and the rest to Cyprus pending some permanent solution for their future. What is not satisfactory is to leave them here, when the outlook for the British Administration is so uncertain.

It is now one year since they arrived here from India. They did not want to come and the Administration did not want them. They have been kept all that time in the camp at Mai Habar. It is a pleasant enough place and they are well fed, but the aimless life combined with the uncertainty of the future which overshadows their lives has had a weakening effect on their morale and the longer they are kept kicking their heels in an African camp, the more their value as citizens and British subjects will decline. This is partly a human problem but there is also the aspect that the longer they are kept there rotting in the sun the worse problem they will become for you.

There is another aspect which concerns the Foreign Office, and that is that the continual presence of these British subjects, harmless and able-bodied for the most part but in complete idleness, in what appears to the Italian and native populations to be a concentration camp, is bad for British prestige.

I hope you will forgive me if I have put to you aspects of the case with which you are already familiar but I am naturally anxious that some action should be taken soon. Kenyon-Slaney, the Chief Secretary, is going to Cairo shortly to discuss the case with the Consul-General and may be able to make some progress but I think that the decisive action will have to be taken in London.

I am sending copies of this letter to African Department and Consul-General, Cairo.

Yours ever,

(Signed) R.W. Mason.

C.G. Kemball, Esq.,
Consular Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

FOREIGN OFFICE,

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K 878/107/250).

27th January, 1949.

Dear Macon,

Many thanks for your letter S/PA/36/8 of the 11th January about the Maltese in Eritrea.

You are right in saying that Consular Department have been concerned with this problem; it might be a fairer statement to say that it has been a permanent headache, both to ourselves and the Colonial Office for the past two years. As a matter of fact, the Colonial Office assumed the responsibility of the resettlement of these people in December, 1947, but resettlement in most colonial territories seems to be out of the question under present conditions.

Let me say first of all that we are very much alive to the importance of disposing of those people before British Military Administration wind up in Eritrea. Last summer, at an inter-departmental meeting in London, we agreed to assist in disposing of any individual Maltese who might be eligible for two schemes we have been trying to work out with Cairo for the Maltese in Egypt. These provide for sending Maltese eligible for employment here to London and for the subsidy of passages to Australia for Maltese accepted as immigrants by the Australian Government. Apart from the fact that, as you have pointed out, only a very small number would qualify as immigrants to Australia, neither of the two schemes referred to have yet got into their full stride. In the first, we are finding great difficulties on the accommodation side in London which manifested themselves in no uncertain fashion when the first three Maltese arrived here and we have to eliminate them before calling others forward. The second scheme is only now beginning to operate in view of the shipping bottleneck. It is for this reason that it may take some time to dispose of Maltese in Eritrea, even if their entry to Australia is guaranteed; and I might add here that, as Cairo know only too well, the question of entry into Australia is not such plain sailing as it may seem.

The result of all this is that we have urged on the Colonial Office the necessity of getting these people moved, preferably to Cyprus as soon as possible. I enclose a copy of a letter from the Colonial Office dated the 8th December summarising discussions with Lord Winster and I only hope that, now the Jews are moving out of Cyprus, the time may be ripe for a further approach to the Governor. We are raising the matter again with the Colonial Office.

Macon, Esq.,
Political Adviser's Office,
B.M.A.,
Asmara.

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Lastly we have taken up with Cairo recently the question of sending any of these evacuees here who can be given a home in this country, and, while that may only be also a palliative, it is at least an earnest of our attempts to whittle the problem down while the wider issues are under discussion.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Consulate-General at Cairo.

Yours sincerely

Sgd (C.G. Kemball).

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For the attention ⁴
of P.A. Carter, Esq.,

In any further communication on this subject,
please quote

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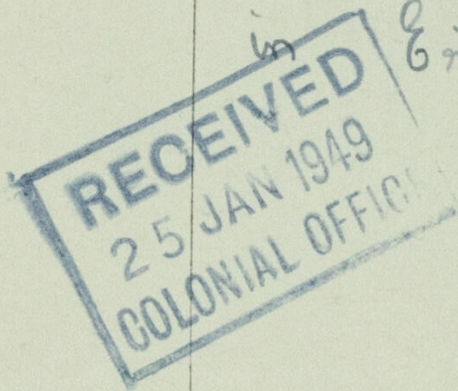
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Similar letter sent to W.O. (Brig. Benay)

24th January, 1949

(K 427/107/250)

Dear Miss Mills,

(1)
Many thanks for your letter of 8th January (IP17/19/05) about the expenditure on Maltese evacuees in Eritrea.

Why else. Wg.
I agree that it is unfortunate that the Colonial Office have not made provision in their estimates for this expenditure but we are disposed to accept the charge of roughly £7,500. to be met from our 1948-49 Distressed British Subjects provision. Perhaps Brigadier Benoy (to whom I am sending a copy of this letter) can arrange to let us have before 31st March 1949 an account of the items held in suspense in the accounts of British Military Authority Eritrea. Current and future expenditure on the Maltese evacuees in Eritrea will likewise be chargeable to the Foreign Office.

I am also copying this letter to Carter at the Colonial Office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M. Mills,
Treasury.

Sgd (H.W. Minshall)

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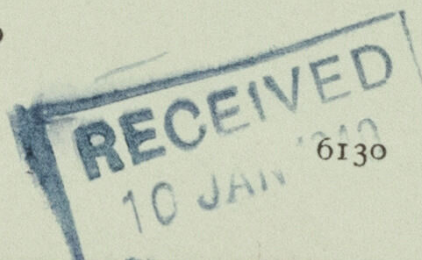
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| Name and Date. | Subject. |
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| <i>From Izmir 25 Nov 48 J.O. to Izmir 8th Jan 49</i> | <i>Destitute British subjects of Maltese origin who have returned to Izmir from India</i> |

Similar letter sent to



Dear Knox

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Please refer to a letter dated 17th December, 1947, sent to us by Marshall under reference IF/17/19/05, regarding Balkan Maltese evacuees transferred from India to Eritrea. We have now received a request from H.Q., B.M.A., Eritrea for the early settlement of the following accounts in respect of payments and expenses incurred by the Administration for the upkeep of the above named evacuees.

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|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----------------|------------|------------|
| January to March, 1948 ... | ... | ... | ... | £7,814 | 8s. | 0d. |
| April to June, 1948 ... | ... | ... | ... | £13,870 | 16s. | 1d. |
| July to September, 1948 ... | ... | ... | ... | £11,157 | 17s. | 2d. |
| | | | | <u>£32,823</u> | <u>1s.</u> | <u>3d.</u> |

2. We do not appear to have received notification regarding the department to whom such accounts should be referred for settlement. Our representatives who were present at the meeting held at the Colonial Office on 20th August, 1948, have stated that, although no reference is made in the note of the conclusions of the meeting, the Treasury representative present indicated that the financial burden in respect of these people would fall on Foreign Office funds.

3. To enable us to take appropriate action to effect a settlement of these accounts, we should be grateful if you would confirm that these are fully recoverable from the Foreign Office.

Yours sincerely

(SGD.) H. ROWAN WALKER.

Captain J. N. Knox, R.N., (Retired)
H.M. Treasury,
S.W.1.

Copy to H.W. Marshall &
F.O.
P.A. Carter &
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(K 12932/35/250).

8th January, 1949.

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Dear Consulate-General,

We regret the long delay in replying to your letter of the 25th November about destitute British subjects of Maltese origin who have returned to Izmir from India. It is only recently that the future policy for the assistance of Maltese in Turkey has been determined.

We can now authorise you to issue relief to those persons at the current rates applicable to distressed Maltese. Accounting instructions will follow.

Yours ever,

CONSULAR DEPARTMENT.

British Consulate-General,
IZMIR.

By Air Mail.

British Consulate-General,
Izmir, November 25th, 1948.

No. 1399/23/2.

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Dear Consular Department,

Kindly refer to our letter No.1080/23/2 of August 28th last regarding a certain number of destitute British subjects of Maltese origin who have returned to Izmir from India.

As the plight of these unfortunate persons is becoming acute we wonder whether you would be good enough to let us know as soon as may be possible whether any decision has been reached in their regard.

The matter is particularly urgent in the case of Thomas Serra and his wife and two young children who are all without winter garments and in considerable distress owing to under-nourishment and other privations. To make matters worse, Serra himself is a sick man and practically helpless.

Yours ever,

Izmir Consulate-General.

The Consular Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

With the compliments of Mr. E.M. Mills,
H.M. Treasury,
S.W.1.

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8th January, 1949.

Dear Mr. Minshall,

Thank you for your letter of 18th December about the Colonial Office's carrying on their Vote expenditure of some £7,500 on Maltese evacuees in Eritrea which is at present being held in suspense in BMA Accounts.

The Letters you referred me to (viz. Col. Russell Edmund's of 10th September, 1947 to Mr. Lloyd Colonial Office and Mr. Gilchrist's (Commonwealth Relations Office) of 21st November to Mr. Bennet (Colonial Office)) have helped us to trace all our papers on this subject. It is now quite clear that we intended the Colonial Office to be the Department who reimbursed the War Office. We do not accept the Colonial Office's argument that our ruling in the case of distressed British West Indian subjects in Cuba, that the Foreign Office should be financially responsible, ^{as a precedent} ~~is~~ ^{is taken} in the case of the Maltese in Eritrea. The two cases are not exactly parallel. It is therefore very unfortunate that the Colonial Office have not made any provision in their Estimates to enable them to pay the War Office.

It is true however, that for the Colonial Office to take steps at this late date to provide the money would cause themselves and us a great deal of inconvenience while it is probably, ~~that~~ you could find the £7,500 without any difficulty. Simply to cut out avoidable work we therefore suggest that you should pay the money from your provision for distressed British subjects. Would you please let us know whether you can agree to do this? If you cannot arrange to make the payment from savings we shall have to ask the Colonial Office to take a

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H.W. Minshall, Esq., O.B.E.,
Foreign Office.

Downing Street,
S.W.1.

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Supplementary [at the earliest practical moment.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Hills

